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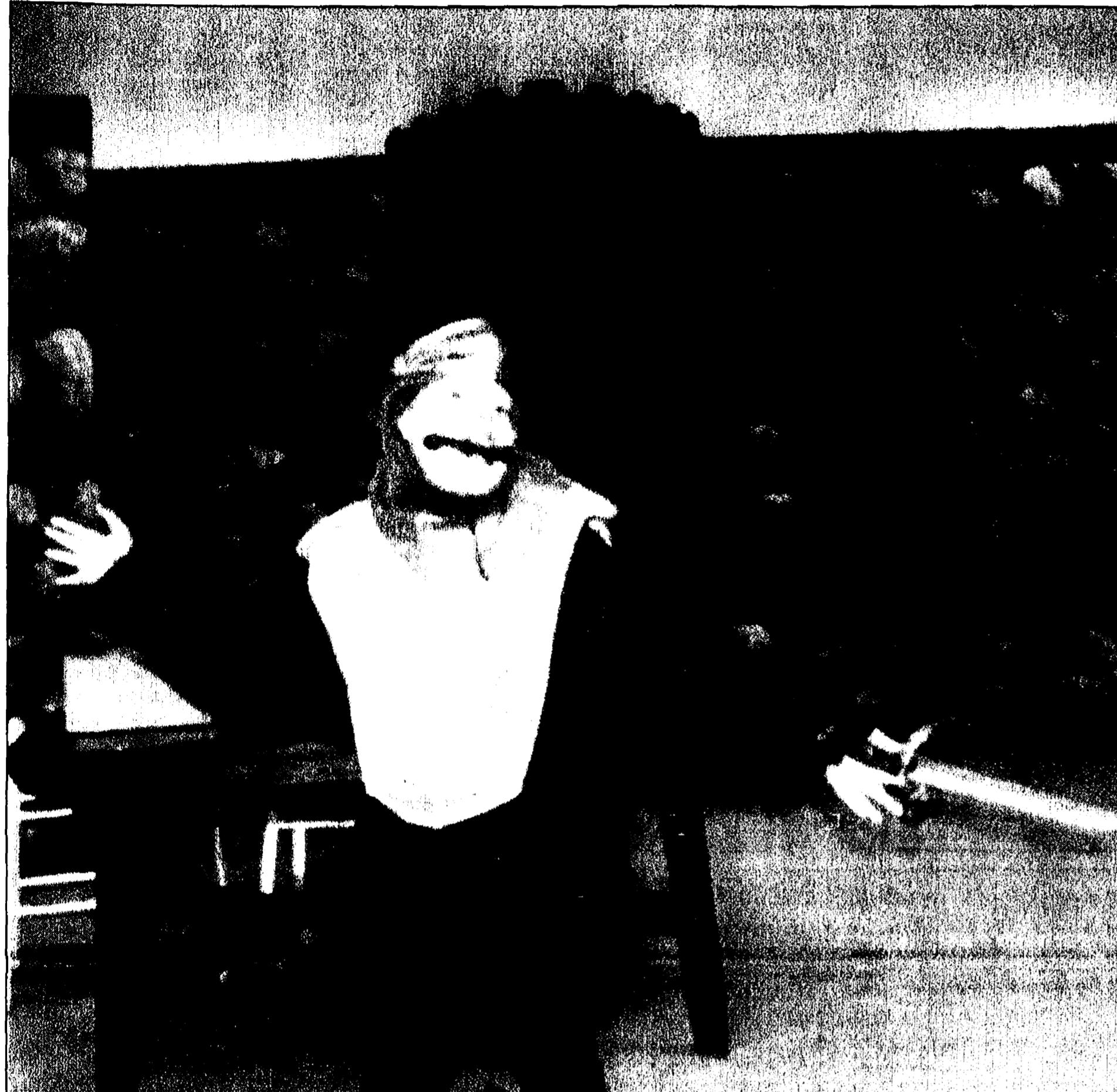
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## 'A Connecticut Yankee'



Joe Emmons (as Sir Sagamore) performs during Grayling Middle School's March musical, "A Connecticut Yankee." For more on the presentation, see Page 4B.

## GMS teacher arrested on bomb threat charges

by Cheryll Rulley  
Staff Writer

A Grayling Middle School teacher turned herself in to authorities on April 9 for allegedly making a bomb threat to the school on March 11.

Kathryn Anne Olson, 43, of Grayling, was arrested Tuesday morning by the Crawford County Sheriff Department and arraigned in 83rd District Court before the Honorable John G. Hunter. She is being represented by local attorney, Richard Jaskowski.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield called the arrest and arraignment of the 8th grade math and reading teacher "unfortunate" but added, "She made a mistake and when you make a mistake, you have to pay."

Wakefield was reluctant to make any comments as to what may have compelled the teacher to make the type of threat made in most instances by juveniles.

The bomb threat came by phone in the early morning hours of March 11 and specifically targeted the middle school. Crawford AuSable School District officials made the decision to close only that school for the day while Sheriff's personnel, Grayling City Police and Michigan State Police conducted a search of the building. Assisting in the search was a State Police explosives detecting dog. After finding no evidence of a bomb or explosives, the building was deemed safe for occupancy around 1:30 p.m. that day.

The Sheriff's Office conducted a two-week long investigation, working with the Grayling Middle



Kathryn Anne Olson

School Resource Officer. The investigation came to an end on March 25 when Olson confessed to investigators that she had made the phone call.

Olson, the mother of three school age children, has been teaching at Grayling Middle School for four years.

School Superintendent Milli Haug commented the incident was unusual, causing a lot of distress and upset within the district. She also said a lot of the staff's time has been taken up handling the bomb threat and its aftermath. "Since Columbine, any threat made on a school is taken very seriously. We are real concerned about the students, their parents, the staff and our community. We really care about how they are feeling about this situation."

Haug said Olson has been placed on indefinite paid administrative. Continued on Page 2A  
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## Stamas announces run for 36th Senate seat

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

State Representative Tony Stamas (R-Midland) announced his candidacy for the 36th State Senate District at Stevens Family Circle Restaurant in Grayling on April 3. Using family restaurants throughout the district as venues, Stamas has been spreading the word of his candidacy.

Because his family has a small restaurant in Midland, Stamas said it is the perfect way to get the word out. Growing up in and around a small family business helped to shape his attitude about the role of government in society, he explained. "The role of government is to stay out of the way of business men and women and provide an environment that fosters success," he said.

Other issues Stamas said are priorities include: funding for K-12 schools; community colleges; improving the infrastructure in northern Michigan; roads, high speed Internet access, anything and everything that will make northeast Michigan more attractive to businesses and tourists" and protecting the Great Lakes.



Photo by Susan Warrington  
State Representative Tony Stamas (R) visits with Art Thayer and aide Sam Moore at Stevens Family Circle on April 3, introducing himself as a candidate for the 36th District State Senate seat.

## Six candidates enter school board race

by Cheryll Rulley  
Staff Writer

Two four-year terms will be up for grabs on June 10 when Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) voters go to the polls to decide who should serve on the Board of Education.

Six citizens, including two incumbents, have met candidacy filing requirements and the April 8 deadline.

Currently serving as Secretary of the CASD school board, Carol

Ramaswamy will be seeking a third term as will current Treasurer John "Jack" Pilon.

Joining the incumbents on the ballot this summer will be Rodney Lobsinger, Rick Schmidt, Pat Merrill and Louis Madill.

Last June, school board members Karl Schreiner (Vice President) and James Tobin ran with no opposition to retain their seats.

Only 160 voters of 10,478 registered cast ballots in the 2001 school election.

## Local Scouts to lend a helping hand

With unemployment on the rise, and many families facing economic hardship, a group of local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are planning to put their well-worn hiking boots to a slightly different use: collecting nonperishable food and other household items to be donated to the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

The Scouts announced last week they would go door to door

collecting items as part of the National Scouting for Food campaign taking place in communities across the country.

Scouts will distribute collection bags on doorsteps on Saturday, April 13. On Saturday, April 20, the Scouts will return to pick up bags, which they are asking residents to fill with nonperishable food and paper products.

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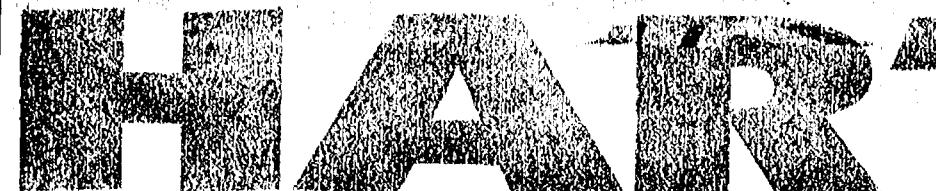
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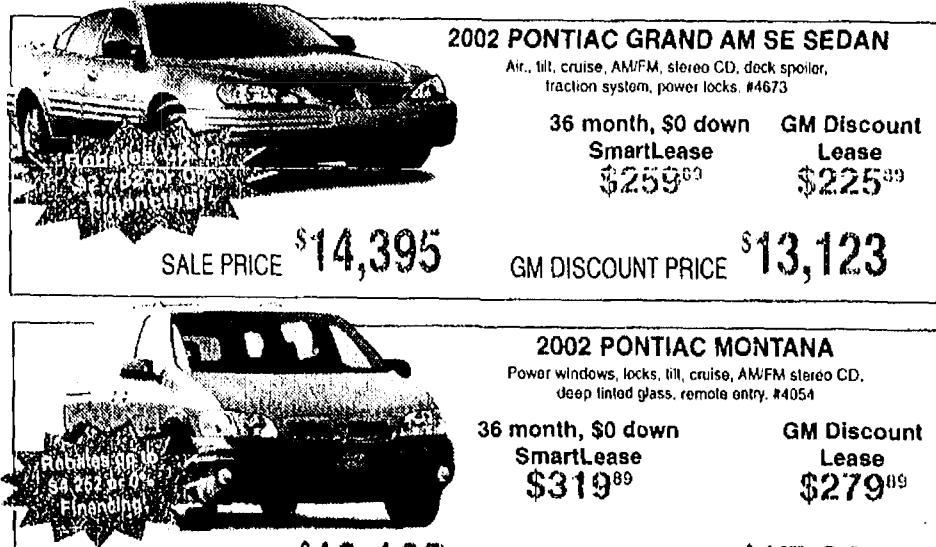
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## Fire prevention program earns recognition

About 60 fire professionals and homeowners attended a national Firewise Communities meeting in San Diego, CA, including representatives from the Grayling area who received a special award for the local program.

Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks, along with Grayling Township Zoning Officer Joe Ferrigan and DNR Wildfire Supervisor Larry Allwardt (who make up the Crawford County Firewise Committee) attended the meeting March 27-28.

"We are introducing new ways of lowering the potential for wildfire loss in America's fire-prone communities," said David Halstead of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group in San Diego.

Halstead, who represents the National Emergency Management Association, was referring to his work with the attendees who travelled to the meeting from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Utah.

Testing of two new Firewise programs began in 2002 -- Firewise Communities/USA and Firewise ARCVIEW. They were showcased and discussed at the meeting. Each participating community received a recognition award from Firewise, a national program designed to pro-

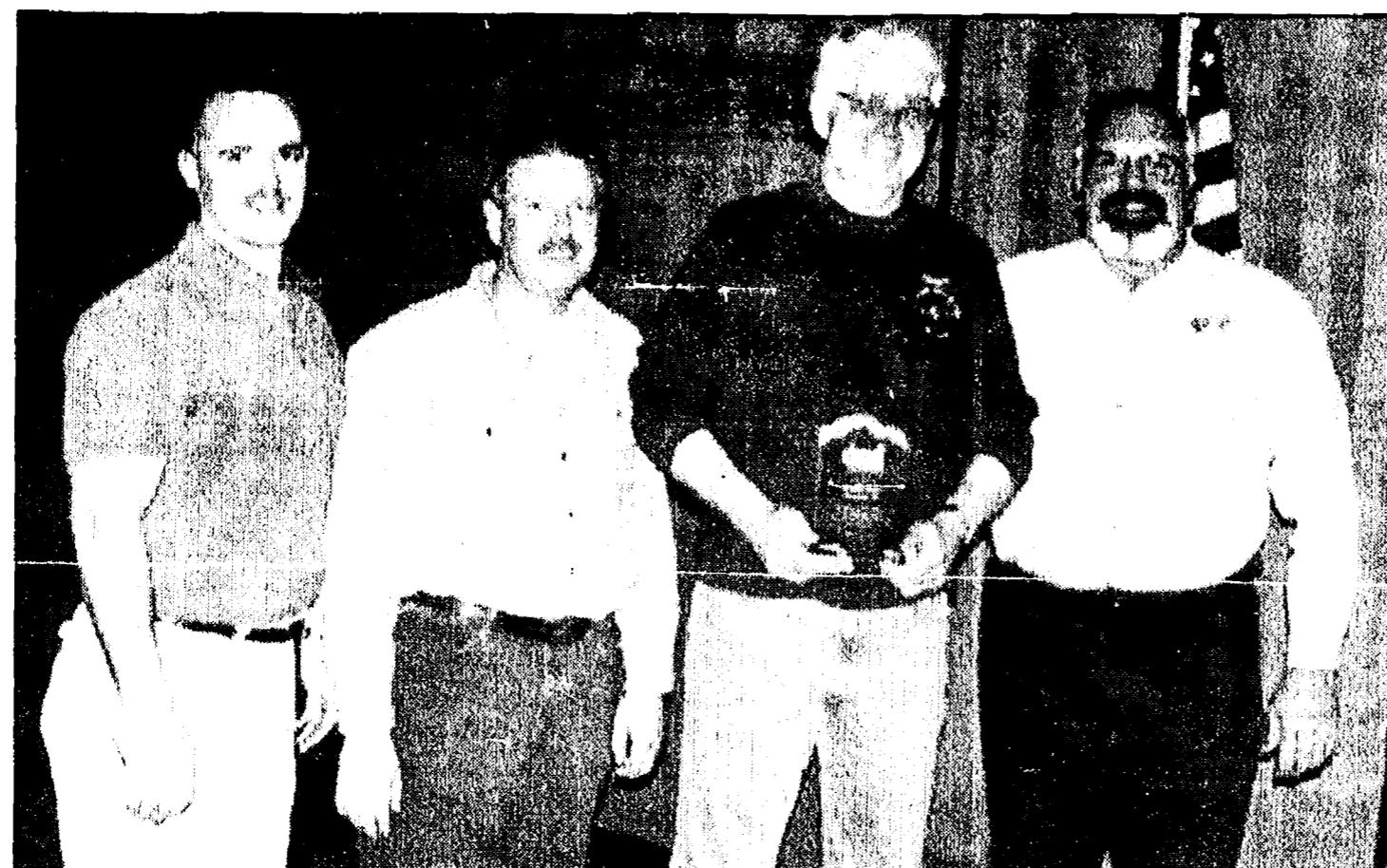


Photo courtesy of Firewise Communities

**At a meeting last month in San Diego, CA, Crawford Firewise Communities representatives Joe Ferrigan, Larry Allwardt and Duane Brooks (Grayling Fire Chief) accepted a recognition award from David Halstead of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. The award recognizes the efforts of the men to bring a new fire prevention program to northern Michigan designed to save homes and property in the case of a wildfire.**

vide homeowners and fire professionals with alternative ways of addressing the issue of wildland/urban interface fire loss.

Brooks, Ferrigan and Allwardt accepted the award for the local pro-

gram that is getting under way this spring throughout the county.

Firewise is sponsored by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, a consortium of the country's wildland fire fighting agencies.

Members include the USDA-Forest Service, the Department of Interior, the National Association of State Foresters, the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association.

## Wear a green ribbon to support victims of sexual assault

### River House Shelter recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Throughout America, concerned individuals are taking time to reflect on the problem of sexual violence, the needs of survivors and

avenues for social change.

Green ribbons are being worn to symbolize support for survivors of sexual assault and the programs that provide assistance, advocacy and counseling for those who have experienced this devastating form of violence.

In Crawford County, River House Shelter is leading Sexual Assault Awareness Month. "We are committed to addressing this issue by helping survivors, as well as working within our community to promote increased awareness and edu-

cation," said Kathy Lamer, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator at River House Shelter.

"During the month of April, information about sexual violence will be displayed at different community agencies. We encourage community members to wear a green ribbon during April to show your support for this cause."

Those interested in further information about Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Green Ribbon Campaign, or volunteer opportunities with River House Shelter, may call locally 348-3169 or toll-free at 1-888-554-3169.

Party coordinators say they will need lots of help to make this celebration a success. Community members, young and old, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Nancy Persing at the MSU Extension Office at 344-3266.

(Please note: Due to budget cutbacks, the Extension Office is only open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Hill Truck Trail. Military maneuvers and small arms firing:

April 13 from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

In addition, the following roads will be closed April 12 and April 13:

Buck East-West Truck Trail to Wakeley Bridge Road

Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Road

Stephan Bridge Road from CR 612 to N. Down River Road

The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## Summer Send-Off meeting planned

A planning meeting is scheduled for an end on the year party for all middle school and high school students.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School (GMS) conference room.

The year-end party will be held

on Friday, June 7 after school until 5:30 p.m. at the GMS Practice Field.

There will be food, games, music, door prizes, and lots more.

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## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during April 10 through April 16 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times:

April 10 through April 16 from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-8880 or (989) 354-6205.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek:

April 10 through April 16 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Range 20 and 21. Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline:

April 11 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Range 30 Complex located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald

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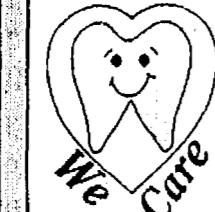
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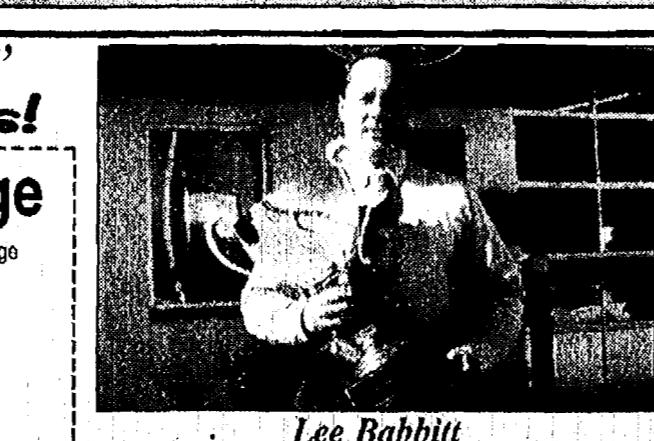


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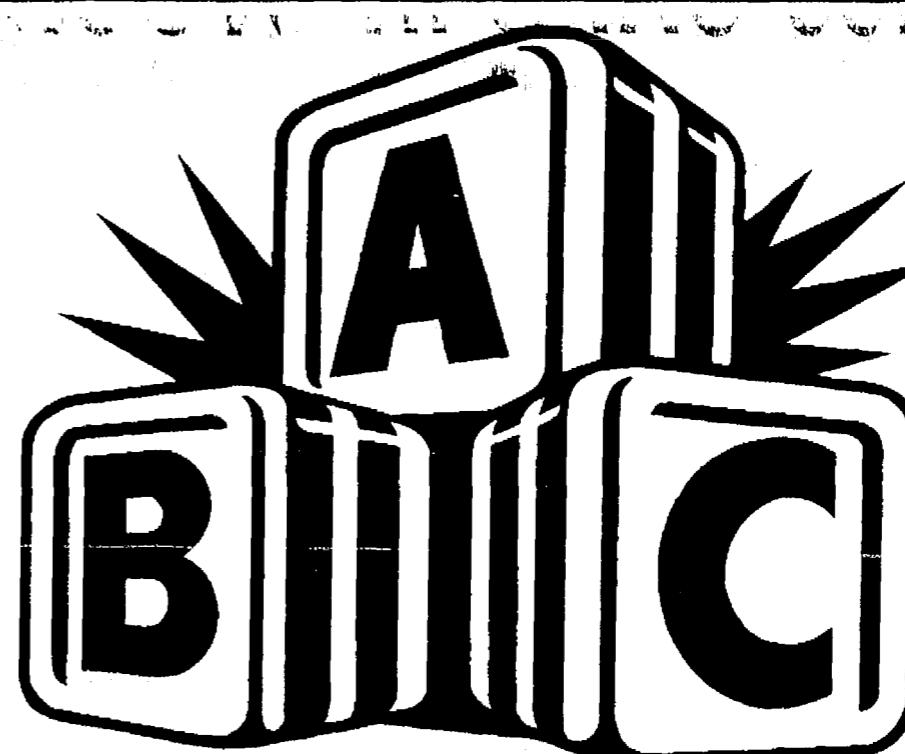
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Latest 'early-out' savings may not last

**ALMOST 15 PERCENT** of Michigan's state government work force is eligible to retire within a few months.

It's all part of a money saving early retirement plan devised by Gov. John Engler to trim next year's state spending budget.

Under the Engler plan, already approved by the legislature and signed into law, 8,900 of our 60,000 state employees can hang it up after July 1, and with sweetened retirement benefits, too.

Employees are eligible if their years of state service plus their age equals 80 or more, or if they're 60 or more with 10 years of state service. Pension benefits would go up 17 percent or so.

That's an appealing package for many of the 8,900 eligible employees. State budget planners expect only about 5,400 workers to take advantage of the plan, although 6,900 signed up for special seminars designed to help them decide whether to jump.

The state budget department figures the Engler plan will save \$55 million or so

against a potential deficit in next year's state budget of about \$1 billion.

Budget planners plan to replace only one of four early retirees, and the difference between higher pension payments and lower payrolls will add up to the \$55 million overall saving.

Using the budget department's estimates of who will retire and how many replacements will be hired, it still amounts to destroying 4,000 or so jobs. We are led to believe these jobs will simply disappear, victims of reorganization, technology and efficiency.

When 4,000 jobs are eliminated in state government, taxpayers rejoice. In today's recessionary economy, if 4,000 Michigan jobs were killed in almost any other circumstance, we would howl in pain.

I think that's called an anomaly.

These are not all Lansing or Detroit jobs, either. State government has a presence all over Michigan and echoes of this early-out plan will reach there, too.

**THE ENGLER PLAN** could create a lot of young retirees or second career folks.

For example, someone who took a state job at age 20 and stayed at it until age 50 would be eligible to retire now. That's pretty sweet.

As for those left behind .... well, that's another story.

If everyone is working to capacity already, and only one in four retirees will be replaced, problems will appear.

The last previous early-out plan was in 1997; state government has survived, even thrived. Have state services been adequate, and properly delivered, in its aftermath? Probably.

Backers of the current early-out plan consider the squeeze as a challenge rather than a problem.

Mr. Engler has said it presents a chance for "lots of reorganization and re-engineering." One department head said it "presents an opportunity for those of us who are stay-

ing." Another higher up indicated "some of the units may be invigorated."

There's no question bureaucracies -- whether in public or private employment -- can become stale with longevity. Human nature drives us to do things the way they've done now -- the way proven by experience -- instead of seeking innovations or re-structuring to find efficiencies.

Producing results still requires personnel -- but with the advent of technology and computers, maybe not as many as in the old days.

Some departments will be hit harder than others. At the Michigan Unemployment Agency, for example, 36 percent of its huge work force is eligible for early retirement. In nine other departments, at least 20 percent of workers can call it quits.

**THE LANSING STATE Journal**, editorializing the other day on early retirement, reported that the state budget in fiscal 1990 was \$18.3 billion, while for the coming year

Mr. Engler proposed \$39.4 billion, more than double over 22 years.

During that period, as some examples, the Attorney General's Office nearly doubled to \$62 million, Civil Service went up 30 percent, and the Legislature rose from \$75 million to \$125 million for a hike of 67 percent, according to *The State Journal*.

All this happened, the newspaper pointed out, while supposedly practical and fiscally minded Republicans ruled the governor's office and, for most of those years, the legislative branch, too.

*The State Journal* editorial asks: "So, the question for Michigan and its lawmakers is: What happened to containing the cost of government?"

Will the \$50 million or so this early-out program is designed to save make a permanent dent in state spending?

Don't bet on it.

*Richard Milliman* is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## VIEWPOINT

by Dave Camp, U.S. Representative (R) Michigan

### Campaign Finance Reform: Restoring public confidence

In the last Presidential election, only half of the voting age population cast a ballot, according to the Federal Elections Commission. All too often, we hear the familiar refrain from voters that they have decided to stay home because they believe that their vote doesn't matter.

As our political campaigns have become more and more dependent on large contributions, many people feel that the only way to have any say in our government is through deep pockets instead of the voting booth.

This feeling of disenfranchisement is dangerous to our democracy. That's why it is good news that Congress approved legislation recently to reform our campaign finance laws and why I fought for years in support of this legislation.

The McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill closes the loopholes which have allowed unlimited sums of money to dominate our political campaigns. The bill helps to ensure that federal officials and candidates are not -- either in reality or in perception -- beholden to contributors who give immense sums of money to their campaigns.

Our current law, which sets limits on the size of political contributions to candidates, contains a loophole -- called the "soft money" loophole -- which allows political parties to raise unlimited amounts of money from individuals, corporations and unions. The political parties of course then turn around and use the money to elect or defeat candidates, doing indirectly what is illegal to be done directly.

That's why political parties have raised millions of dollars from wealthy individuals, corporations and unions to buy television ads that pretend to be ads talking about

issues, but are really ads designed to support or defeat the election of a candidate.

We've all seen countless numbers of these sham "issue ads" around election time. The ad may say "Congressman X opposes legislation to clean up our water and our air. Call Congressman X and tell him to support legislation to clean up our environment."

Is this a campaign commercial? Sure it is. Is it meant to influence people and their votes? Of course! yet because it doesn't include magic words like "Vote for Congressman X," or "Vote against Congressman X," our old campaign finance laws enabled political parties to use unlimited contributions to pay for these ads under the guise that they were not candidate support ads.

And how do the political parties raise the money to pay for these ads? Often, they sell access to decision makers in return for huge contributions, and they do it openly.

Large contributors could attend coffees with the President at the White House or are invited to meals with top-ranking congressional officials. These types of solicitations -- and there are countless examples of them -- destroyed the contribution limits in federal law and created the appearance of corruption in the public's eye.

Finally, Congress said "enough is enough!" We realized we needed to inject common sense into our campaign finance laws and close these loopholes which have shaken public confidence in our elected officials and poisoned our federal campaigns.

The McCain-Feingold bill prohibits candidates and parties from raising these unlimited soft money contributions, ending the sale of access which has tarnished our gov-

ernment in the eyes of the American public. As for the sham "issue ads," the bill requires any radio or television ad that refers to a specific candidate -- and that is broadcast within 60 days of a general election or within 30 days of a primary election -- to be paid for with funds subject to contribution limits.

Hopefully, this bill will change politics in America. The political landscape will be filled with more people and less influence; more contributors and smaller contributions; more democracy and less elitism.

No one knows which party, in the end, is going to be advantaged by the changes in the law. But I believe it is certain that the body politic itself will benefit dramatically.

And how do the political parties

## Don't let another tax year pass...

April 15 doesn't have to be painful again next year. Instead, it can be a day you celebrate both your tax savings and the satisfaction of permanently conserving important open spaces.

The nation's 1,200-plus land trusts -- nonprofit organizations that are independent of government and work hand-in-hand with landowners who choose to conserve their lands -- offer a variety of ways that you can permanently protect your open space lands and perhaps shave your tax bill:

- Donate it to a nonprofit land trust;
- Donate a conservation easement, which permanently limits the type and scope of development; or
- Sell the land to a land trust in a "bargain sale" for below fair market price.

Under the Internal Revenue Code, for most gifts of appreciated land or conservation easements, a taxpayer can deduct up to 30 percent of his adjusted gross income in the year of

the donation. If the value of the gift exceeds that deduction the taxpayer can carry forward the balance for up to five additional years.

For example, if Mrs. Landowner has an adjusted gross income of \$50,000 and makes a gift of a conservation easement worth \$80,000, her deduction in the first year would be \$15,000. The balance can then be carried forward for each of five years until she has deducted the full \$80,000 value of her gift.

Mrs. Landowner is a widow, and the ranch comprises nearly her whole estate. She and her husband accumulated just \$250,000 in other assets. Therefore, her total estate is worth \$1.5 million. In nearly every state, the combined state and federal estate taxes would be around \$200,000 -- more than the surviving Landowner children could afford to pay, even though they want to see the ranch remain as open space.

The solution may be the voluntary donation of a conservation easement, which legally limits the amount and

type of development that can take place on land. An easement can be tailored to a landowner's desires.

The easement may, for example, permit construction of just two more large-lot homes but protect the land from construction of a subdivision. As a result, Mrs. Landowner may reduce the land's market value to \$750,000, down from its current \$1,250,000 value. Her estate, including \$250,000 in other assets, would then be worth \$1 million, and no estate taxes would be due.

HeadWaters Land Conservancy is a non-profit land conservancy based in Gaylord and covers 11 counties in northeast Michigan, including Crawford. HeadWaters Land Conservancy works to conserve the "Up North" you enjoy.

HeadWaters Land Conservancy offers brochures for landowners at no charge by calling HeadWaters Land Conservancy at (989) 731-0573 or visit the organization's website at: [www.headwatersconservancy.com](http://www.headwatersconservancy.com).

# EDITOR

### Tax-free U.S. Postal Service pays its way

To the editor,

As Tax Day approaches, it's a good time to remind our customers that although the Postal Service processes and delivers the annual on-slaught of tax returns, we do not use your tax dollars to subsidize postal operations.

Unlike most federal, state and government agencies, the U.S. Postal Service is completely self-supporting. It is fully funded by postage, fees, and financial investments. The Postal Service pays its own way. No tax dollars go to the U.S. Postal Service. It has been that way since 1982. A tax-free U.S. Postal Service has successfully served the American public for two decades.

During that time, the Postal Service achieved record service performance and customer satisfaction. Our service performance scores are at 94% on time.

While taking no tax dollars, the Postal Service ranks as one of the most productive and efficient mail systems in the world. Americans have one of the lowest postage rates in the world.

Here are some facts about the U.S. Postal Service:

- With nearly 800,000 employees, the United States Postal Service is the second largest civilian employer

in the nation. We employ nearly 50,000 employees with disabilities, and more than 250,000 veterans.

- We deliver mail to 134 million delivery addresses. About 1 million new addresses are added each year.

- Serve 7 million customers daily at one of 38,000 postal retail outlets.

- Have an annual operating revenue of \$63 billion.

- Deliver more than 200 billion pieces of mail a year.

- Operate a transport and delivery fleet of 202,000 vehicles driving, the nation's largest fleet of vehicles. We drive 1.1 billion miles a year.

American postal workers are very efficient. With successful automation programs, U.S. postal employees are 500% more productive than Germany, 250% more productive than France and the United Kingdom.

Americans have the privilege of knowing their mail travels more swiftly and reliably than any other postal service in the world. Americans can count on the tax-free U.S. Postal Service.

Don't forget to file your taxes on time. This year's deadline is on Monday, April 15. Beat the rush and file early.

- Jackie Cass Officer in Charge, USPS Grayling

### Dogs deserve better than this

To the editor,

Do you have a dog? Does your neighbor? Is that dog tied up to a tree behind the house with a 10-foot (or shorter) chain?

Try to imagine what that must be like -- day in and day out -- snow, rain, freezing cold, blazing sun; a life spent tied to a tree. No one to communicate with, no one to care about whether you're cold, hungry, thirsty, lonely. Your water dish sits

filled with dirt. A day spent watching people walk right by you, like you don't exist. How would you feel?

Why have a dog? Please -- do something about it or give the dog to someone who will! (You could come back as a dog...)

Rachel Anderson  
Grayling

### AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Please note: Special deadlines apply during holidays and will be posted in *The Avalanche*.

word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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# BRIEFS

## Michelson Choirs to present concert

The Chancel Choir and Michelson Singers will present a concert at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, in Grayling, on Friday, April 12 beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is a donation and everyone is invited to attend. The concert has a unique format in that each selection will be sung twice. In some cases, the number will be sung by the audience before it is performed by the choir. This will be the Michelson Singers' only concert before departing for an International Choral Festival in North Carolina on May 1.

## USDA NRCS looking for public input

A public meeting will be held by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on April 17, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn South, 6820 South Cedar Street, in Lansing. The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to make comment on the use of non-federal contractors for conservation technical assistance. Farmers, landowners and interested citizens are invited to attend and comment on how best to implement a formal third party vendor program. Written comments will also be accepted until April 19 to: Kevin Wickey, Third Party Vendor Contact, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 250, East Lansing, MI 48823. Comments can also be made over the internet at [www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov). For more information, call (517) 324-5270. NRCS works directly with landowners to help protect the nation's soil and water resources on private land using a voluntary, science-based approach.

## Frederic Lions to host pancake dinner

The newly formed Frederic Area Lions Club will hold a fund-raising pancake dinner on Friday, April 19, hosted by Gil and Gail Smith, at the Happi Days Diner in Frederic, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 per person; children age five and under eat free of charge. Tickets will be available at the door and a \$50 drawing will also take place. Lions Club membership information will be available for those interested. Happi Days Diner is located on West Batterson Road, just west of Old US-27. For more information, call 348-6115.

## Frederic Area Lions Club to meet

The Frederic Area Lions Club will be hold its next regular meeting on Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Happi Days Diner in Frederic Township. Guest speaker will be Al Kirschner, of Alpena, a blind Lion district representative who will present a program on the Leader Dog School for the Blind of Rochester. The presentation will include a video. Anyone interested in learning more about the Leader Dog program and/or becoming a member of the Frederic Area Lions Club is welcome to attend.

## Grayling Aerie to nominate officers

Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 has scheduled nomination of officers for the coming year at the April 15 meeting. Voting for new officers will take place on May 6, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of April 4 were Irv McIsaac, Dale Kirchoff, John Galloway and John Blaine.

## Group forming to get some exercise

It's time to crawl out of our winter caves and join a newly forming group for some informal morning exercise for a healthier lifestyle. Anyone interested in walking, cycling, roller skating/blading or jogging should meet Monday, April 15 in the parking lot behind The Copy Shop at 7 a.m. Bring walking shoes, bike or skates (whichever is appropriate). The group will "travel" to Grayling High School and back on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Depending on choice of exercise, the group should return to town by 8 a.m. Remember, it is always easier to get started with someone else, so bring a friend or relative.

## St. John Ladies to host lunch/card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, April 17 in the Fellowship Hall at the church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

## Teams needed for Pictionary Olympics

The 15th Annual Pictionary Olympics, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association, will be held Saturday, April 20 at the Gray Rock Cafe at 7 p.m. (Please note new location.) A limited menu and cash bar will be available. Applications for four-person teams, sponsored or unsponsored, are currently being taken. Entrance fee is \$60 per team. For an application or for more information, call Deb Zelek at 348-8757. The community is invited to come and join in the fun of this annual fund-raiser.

## MS support group meets in Roscommon

A Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Support Group meeting is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Roscommon County Center. Anyone with MS family members and caregivers are invited to attend. The next meeting will be held April 16. For more information, call Randy Brown at 348-6536.

## Eagles Auxiliary to nominate officers

The Grayling Eagles #3465 Auxiliary will hold nomination of officers during its regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, located on Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling. Members are encouraged to attend.

## Card of Thanks

All of us cats, dogs, puppies and kittens staying at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County would like to thank everyone in the community who helped make the recent benefit dinner for Tonyia Brady a success. You people who support the shelter once again proved how giving you are by being there for someone in need... just like you do for us! Tonyia takes good care of us at the shelter and when she became "homeless" like us, you all stepped forward to help. Bravo to the humans! You are great!

With love,  
Your furry friends at the shelter

# 2002 truck show to benefit Habitat

Charlie's 3rd Annual Truck Show, sponsored by Fick & Sons, will be held June 1 and 2 at Charlie's Country Corner, just three miles south of Grayling. Proceeds from the show will benefit Crawford County Habitat for Humanity.

This year's show will award over \$15,000 in cash, trophies and prizes. "Big Rigs" from all over the country will highlight this "polish and shine" contest.

Activities for this fun-filled weekend include: Monster Truck rides, wagon rides, face painting, balloons, Burger King Whopper Hopper, an Arts & Craft Show and a Silent Auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

On Saturday, there will be a BBQ Chicken Dinner from noon to 6 p.m. (or while quantities last). On Sunday, Habitat for Humanity will

host a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. with the awards ceremony and a live auction planned for 1 p.m.

Joey Holiday will provide entertainment throughout the weekend and the "Parade of Lights" will take place at dusk on Saturday night.

Anyone interested in entering the Arts & Craft Show should call Melonie Richardson at (989) 348-7647 or for more information about participating in the show, call Kaye Laughton at (989) 348-2740, Ext. 26.

Items for the Silent Auction are made available through donations by many local businesses and companies with whom Fick & Sons does business. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Kaye Laughton at the number listed above.

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## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS

The Commission on Aging is sponsoring a Lasagna Dinner  
**Saturday, April 20 ~ 4-7 p.m.**

**~ To Benefit Local Senior Programs ~**

**Menu:** Lasagna, garlic toast, salad and dessert

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

**Tickets:**

**In Advance - \$3.50 seniors 60+ / children under 8**

**\$4.00 non-seniors**

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**\$5.00 non-seniors**

**308 Lawndale - Behind Burger King**

**989-348-7123**

**HEAD START PRESCHOOL**  
**INVITES THE PUBLIC TO CELEBRATE**  
**'MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD'**

*The Frederic and Grayling NEMCSA Head Start programs will be holding an Open House on Thursday, April 18th. Frederic will be welcoming guests on that day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. The Frederic classroom is located within the Frederic Elementary School. Grayling will open its doors to visitors between the hours of 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. and is located at 557 Business Loop I-75. These scheduled events are being held as an opportunity for the community to observe what happens during a typical Head Start day. Children will be following their daily schedule and will be participating in routine activities. Staff will be available to answer questions regarding programming, curriculum, recruitment, and enrollment.*

# The Bible Speaks

## A Global Vietnam?

President Bush said we might not know for sure when the war on Global Terrorism is won. Following recent events in the Middle East, it appears we may be in danger of compromise to avoid a global Vietnam type war. As we have written many times, the last great battle of Armageddon will be fought by the nation of the world against Israel. (Read Zechariah chapter 14 again to refresh your memory.) Although they later rescinded it, The United Nations condemned Jewish Zionism in 1975 as a form of racism. In a 9/30/01 press release the U.N. Security Council reversed their original 1947 partition plan establishing the nation of Israel. They said, "This new resolution condemns the actions of the United Nations in creating the state of Israel, which has resulted in injury and loss of human life." Now the U.N. with apparent U.S. support is demanding Israel's immediate withdrawal from all Palestinian territory.

This struggle started about 3,000 years ago after God gave land to Abraham. Gen. 17:8 "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger; all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." Gen. 15:18-21 "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates. 19The Keneites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, 20And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaeans, 21And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites." While God promised to bless Abraham's eldest son Ishmael, (Gen 17:20), God made Isaac Abraham's heir to God's promises including the land. (Gen 17:21). God said of Ishmael in Gen 16:12; "And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against

every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." One day the descendants of Ishmael will convince the rest of the world to attack and destroy Israel resulting in what the Bible calls the battle of Armageddon.

God has blessed both Isaac and Ishmael abundantly over these 3,000 years. Isaac's descendants control much of the yellow gold and Ishmael's descendants control much of the black gold of this earth. The Jews have been blessed with money and the Arabs have been blessed with oil. The Jews have used their money to finance much of our western technological development, while the Arab leaders have squandered the wealth of their oil revenues while keeping their people in poverty and despair.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has called on Arab states to launch a "symbolic" one-month oil embargo against Western countries to pressure them to stop supporting Israel. "Arab governments can use oil as a weapon. They can cut off the flow of oil to all the countries which have good ties with Israel," Khamenei said in a sermon during the Muslim Friday prayers in Tehran. "I am not saying to cut it forever, just for one month in a symbolic way. If they (Western countries) do not receive oil, their factories will come to a halt. This will shake the world," Khamenei said.

Jonathan Foreman has reported that the Saudis pledged \$400 million last year to support "martyrs' families". Steven Emerson, in his New York Times best seller, "American Jihad: The Terrorists Living Among Us," revealed that money have been funneled out of America for many years to help fund the Middle East struggle. Emerson writes, "one of the world's most lethal terrorist factions used a think tank affiliated

with the University of South Florida (along with separate non-profit organizations) as a base for some of its top leaders. The formula was simple: use the laws, freedoms and loopholes of the most liberal nation on earth [the U.S.] to help finance and direct one of the most violent international terrorist groups in the world." Emerson was also the source we quoted to forewarn you of terrorists working within our country to destroy America 18 months before the September 11th attack.

The foreign ministers and representatives of 57 Muslim nations could not agree on a definition of "terrorism". They did agree to make an "urgent call" to the UN Security Council and the European Union (EU) to "provide international protection for the Palestinian people and play their role to stop Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people". What will America do? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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## MERCY BIRTHS

Jim Hardin and Jillian Medina of Fairview announce the arrival of Bella Nichole Hardin born March 14.

Joseph Kappen and Denise Crowe of St. Helen announce the arrival of Gabriel Micheal Bowen born March 21.

Eric Spencer and Darla O'Leary of Roscommon announce the arrival of Skylar James born March 19.

Travis Ockerman and Danielle Doemer of Grayling announce the arrival of Destiny Mechelle Ockerman born March 19.

Greg and Joanne Smith of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Alexandria Marie born March 19.

Brad and Mary Conklin of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Zachary Charles born March 20.

Jamie and Lora Gordon of Midland announce the arrival of Sierra Lynn born March 21.

Micheal and Christine Bowen of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Gabriel Micheal Bowen born March 21.

Erica Legarie of Houghton Lake announces the arrival of Taylor Marie Odden born March 23.

Joshua Hart and Jackie Nederhood of Falmouth announce the arrival of Joshua Marcell Hart Jr. born March 25.

Robert and Sarah Downing of Lake City announce the arrival of Madison Spring born March 25.

Rick and Maryah Rohde of Grayling announce the arrival of Erik Alexander born March 26.

## Rosco church hosts women's conference

The Soul's Harbor Worship Center will host the "Women to Women Conference" on Saturday, April 20.

The Conference promises great praise, worship and testimonies and "A Word of Hope" shared by Judy Carlson. All women are invited to come and share in the fellowship of the ministry. The Conference will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Soul's Harbor Worship Center located at 250 Lake Street (across from the post office) in Roscommon.

For more information, call (989) 275-8546.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

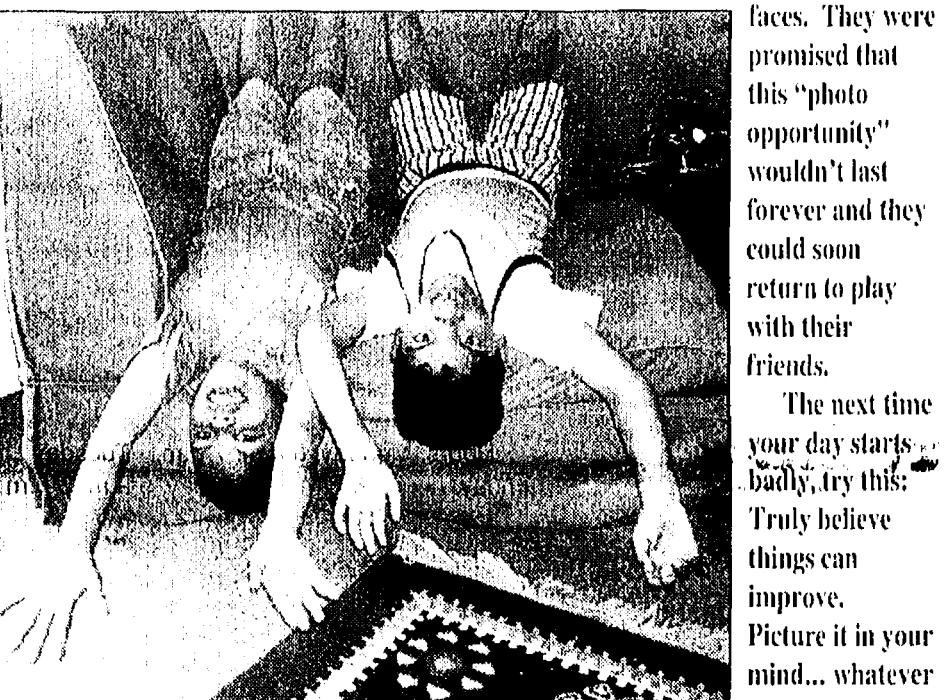
Submitted by Julie Gates

Gena Gates, of Bay County, formerly of Grayling, received a Women of Distinction Award in February, 2002. The award honors outstanding women who have demonstrated excellence in business, education, philanthropy and/or leadership in communities within the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay jurisdiction. The honorees exhibit through their careers and volunteer work, a philosophy that parallels the Girl Scout movement, which promotes leadership, responsibility and decision making to inspire girls in becoming self-confident, resourceful community and business leaders.

Gates serves on the Boards of Directors of East Shoreline Chapter of the American Red Cross, as chair; Bay Health Foundation; Rotary Club of Bay City, chairing the Community Service Committee; Bay Concert Band, as treasurer; and Tall Ship Celebration 2001, as secretary. She is a past Board member and secretary of the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay and the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. She has served a total of 10

Some days are just like that. Your car battery goes dead or you dump coffee on your best clothes right before that meeting when you plan to ask for a raise. You say, "I just know the whole day is going to be this way!" ...and it is.

Our expectation often mirrors the outcome. God said, "According to your faith it will be done to you." (Matthew 9:29) Notice that despite these young boys' precarious position, (and several previous attempts), there are big smiles on their faces. They were promised that this "photo opportunity" wouldn't last forever and they could soon return to play with their friends.



The next time your day starts badly, try this: Truly believe things can improve. Picture it in your mind... whatever you want it to be. You may be pleasantly surprised. Like the boys pictured here, knowing that the unpleasant event or task is only temporary can enable you to smile and look forward to the rest of your day.

Worship this week at your local church or synagogue. Discover the power of positive faith for your future.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 Peter 2:1-17	Hebrews 4:14-5:10	Hebrews 6:13-7:10	Hebrews 7:11-28
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Psalm 33	Psalm 42	Psalm 71	

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Saturday ..... 10:30 am

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Tuesday ..... 7 pm

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Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Chapel Service ..... 11 am

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday ..... 7 pm

**The Church of Christ**

with the Elijah Message

Pastor Paul Rolfe

7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday

Worship ..... 10 am & 7 pm

Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 pm

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3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult and Youth

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**

Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**

Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor

701 S. I-75 Business Loop

Church 348-8885

Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Wednesday - Family Night

Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 pm

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with the Elijah Message

Pastor V. Schaap

415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**

Rev. V. Schaap

415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**The Church of Christ**

with the Elijah

## OBITUARIES

### Hazel L. Post

**March 28, 1920 - April 8, 2002**  
Hazel L. Post of Grayling, formerly of Davison, age 82, died Monday, April 8, at Genesys Health Park.

She was born in Flint on March 28, 1920, the daughter of William and Mary (Cochran) McConnellee. She married Douglas Post in Toledo, Ohio on January 30, 1943.

Mrs. Post volunteered at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She was employed by Williams Gun Site and Flint Friend of the Court. She was a former member of Davison United Methodist Church and Grayling United Methodist Church.

Hazel loved crafts, painting, playing Bunko and baking. She collected Christmas villages, lighthouses and recipes. She taught ceramics and enjoyed antiquing.

She was preceded in death by her husband Douglas in 1995, her son Bruce, and brother David.

She is survived by two sons: Mark (Tracy) Post of Grand Blanc and John Matthew (Teri) Post of Seattle, Washington; three step-children, 8 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 8 step grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 11 at 2 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 E. Davison Road, Davison, Reverend P. Thomas Wachterhauser officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Fleet Reserve Association.

Arrangements by Allen Funeral Home, Davison.

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In books and carpentry building you found release, but still you fought for a lasting peace. With your head full of ideas and a unique building plan, you set out to make a new life with your love and some land.

We will miss you dearly but you are not gone, for in our hearts and through your works, you will live on. No more will you battle and be put to the test.

For the Lord has said "Pappy Soldier, Come Home and Rest."

Written by Amy MacDonald  
Rob's Step-Daughter

### Arthur F. Clough

**Sept. 6, 1928 - April 3, 2002**  
Arthur F. Clough, age 73, died Wednesday, April 3. He was born on September 6, 1928 in Detroit to Arthur George and Lillian Azilda (LaMotte) Clough.

Mr. Clough graduated from Grayling High School in 1946. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving his country in Korea, receiving the WWII Victory Medal with an Honorable Discharge as a Sergeant. He also served in the National Guard and Grayling Fire Department.

Mr. Clough married Shirley S. LeDuc on September 30, 1949 in Grayling.

He worked with his father building log cabins. He then went to work for the City of Grayling Police Department. He later transferred and became a deputy sheriff for the Crawford County Sheriff Department. He served as undersheriff in 1958-1960.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Michigan Sheriff's Association, VFW, American Legion Post #106, and Grayling Masonic Lodge #356.

He was elected Sheriff for four consecutive terms serving from 1960-1972. He was the youngest elected sheriff in the State of Michigan. He retired from his law enforcement career in 1973.

Mr. Clough was responsible for the development of the Crawford County Crime Lab which later became the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. He was responsible for the first marked patrol unit, snowmobile unit, and marine patrol unit.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family.

Mr. Clough was preceded in death by his father Arthur George Clough on October 30, 1995.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, his mother Lillian Clough, three daughters: Michelle Hufstedler of East Lansing, Kathy (Steve) Belcher of Big Rapids, Cindy (Bill) Wiseman of Gaylord, one son: Art E. (Diane) Clough of Grayling and 10 grandchildren.

He also leaves behind two sisters: Jeanette Kitchen of Grayling, Barbara (Jim) Verlinde of Frederic, and one brother, Kerry (Nancy) Clough of Denver, Colorado.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, April 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery. Pall bearers were Mike Kelly, Marcus Belcher, Kirt Kitchen, Steve Verlinde, Bryan Hofstetter, and Keil Clough.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Card of Thanks

The appreciation of Grayling Chapter #83 goes to Vonn McComb who hand made patriotic magnets and pins to sell through the Order of Eastern Star to raise monies for the September 11 disaster at the World Trade Center. \$93.00 was raised for the relief effort. At the April stated meeting it was voted upon to purchase 2 quilt blocks for \$25.00 each to assist River House with their building fund.

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## Vander Veer, Kunkle engaged



**Stacey Vander Veer and Brent Kunkle**

Stacey Vander Veer and Brent Kunkle are planning a June 15 wedding.

Miss Vander Veer, daughter of Karl and Shirley Vander Veer of Grayling, is a graduate of Meridian High School and Ferris State University. She is employed by the State of Michigan, Family Independence Agency in Benton Harbor. Children's Protective Services for Berrien County.

Brent, son of Bruce Kunkle of Troy, and Cheryl Ziegert of Sawyer,

### Card of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to everyone for the love and support given us at this hard time. A big thanks to the Grayling Country Club and their staff, Brian, Val and Susie for all their help setting up the luncheon.

Thanks to everyone for all the great food.

The Hamblin and Reed Families

is a graduate of River Valley High School and attended Eastern Michigan University. He owns and operates Expressive Design Lawncare and Landscaping and is assistant wrestling coach at Coloma High School.

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## THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools

Reading, reading, reading... March was Reading Month and AuSable Primary School Principal Barb Mick recently sent home a box of 13 hardcover books to each family in the school. The books came from The Public Enrichment Foundation.

Grayling Elementary School Principal Angie Camp challenged the student body to read 50,000 pages by March 28. If the challenge is met, a few students will

have a chance, in May, to dunk their principal in the dunk tank.

Laurie Canfield's third grade class has been studying Alaska. They've had special lessons in math, science and social studies related to the Iditarod dog sled race, leading to a race of their own called the "Iditaread." Each page read by the students in March counts as one mile of the race. Students needed to read 1,051 pages in order to complete the race.

### First graders join Brownies



Photo courtesy of Hazel Shemka

Grayling Brownie Troop #2461 recently welcomed the following new members, who are all in the first grade: (front, from left) Emily Barnes, Cortnee Nye, LeAndra Horton, Charlene Hermann; (middle) Kiersten Mead, Ashley Sorenson, Sarah Goodyear, Sabrena Norris, Kayla Crouch. In the back row are Leaders Lisa Beek and Hazel Shemka.

Dawn Feldhauser's fourth grade class have been playing an "enthusiastic" game of Survivor. Originally, the class was split into two tribes: the Kadoozies and the Bonboozies. Now, the class is teamed as one. Teamwork has been crucial; so have alliances. There have been difficult immunity challenges: baking cookies without instructions, curling, and making a snowman with items found only outside. Many students want to win, but only one will win the grand prize of \$1,000,000 (or at least get to go out to lunch with their teacher, which is just as good). The anticipation has been excruciating -- "Who will survive? We will survive!" (by Colin Hamlin)

The 25th year of the Junior Deputy Program is under way. Larry Akers from 911 Dispatch taught the students how and when to use 911. Grayling Fire Chief Duane Brooks and Firefighter Travis Roberts presented a video on the "ABCs" of fire safety and demonstrated what a firefighter has to wear while fighting a fire.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kiessell made a presentation on wild turkeys for Laurie Canfield's third grade class. The students viewed a brief video, learned the stages of development of a turkey, how people can care for the turkeys in our area, and how to make turkey sounds and calls. The children received pencils, rulers, handouts and a cookie made by Mrs. Kiessell.

Math support teacher, June Savoie, is available at the AuSable Primary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and at the Grayling Elementary School on Fridays during recess for any students needing extra help.

In December, Kim Kanary's fourth grade class wrote letters to

the military serving in Afghanistan. They recently received a letter back from Major Rick Davis who is stationed in a neighboring country providing support for the soldiers in Afghanistan. Major Davis also explained their living conditions and sent back a couple of MREs (meals ready to eat) with heaters for the students to try.

Dawn Feldhauser's fourth grade class received a letter from a student who attends Bahweting Anishinaabe Tribal School in Sault Ste. Marie. The student explained his class was reading a book called "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown where Stanley becomes flat and his parents put him in an envelope. Intrigued by the story, "Flat" Jamey Young found our school on the internet and mailed himself to us.

The first and second grade students recently performed their music concerts where each class performed two songs and played two instruments each. Music teacher Jim Brown's goal is to have every student playing an instrument. He says it is truly a pleasure teaching music to the children at AuSable Primary School.

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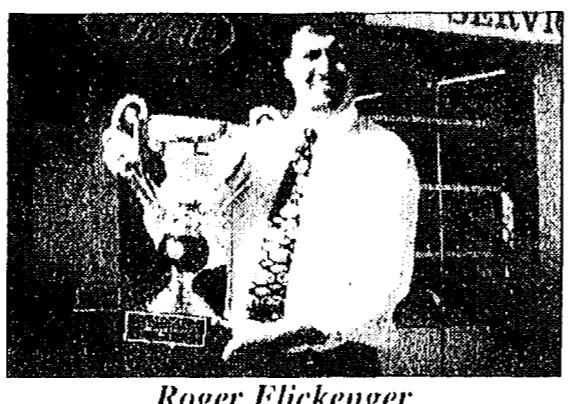
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**GAVC promotes tourism at downstate travel show**

Photo courtesy of Grayling Area Visitors Council

The Grayling Area Visitors Council (GAVC) recently participated in the Grand Center Sport, Fishing and Travel Show in Grand Rapids. Its display featured items from the various summer recreational activities available in Crawford County. Over 35,000 visitors attended the show. Darrell and Judy Fuller, from Fuller's North Branch Outing Club in Lovells, and GAVC Executive Director Irene Geiss-Wilson (center) were there to promote Crawford County to potential visitors. The GAVC promotes the area as a recreational destination using various means and maintains a comprehensive web site at: [www.grayling-mi.com](http://www.grayling-mi.com).

**Mercy Hospital welcomes new Business Manager**



Mary E. Fox

**Mercy Hospital welcomes new Business Manager**

Mary E. Fox has accepted the position as Business Director for Mercy Hospital Grayling. She will be responsible for supporting the organization in various activities related to budget development, business planning and management, and performance analysis. Her overall focus will be to assist the hospital in achieving its long-range financial goals.

"I am pleased to be joining the Mercy Grayling team and to support the organization in its continued mission of providing high-quality, cost-effective services to our local com-

munities. I look forward to using my skills and experience in continuing to improve financial performance, supporting the hospital's fine tradition of resource stewardship," Fox said.

Fox has more than 15 years of management experience in the health care field. Previous to her position at Mercy, she was the Regional Executive Director for the Michigan Health & Hospital Association and a Senior Planning Associate at Munson Healthcare.

She also worked in the Mercy system as Chief Information Officer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

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# Take a Tanzanian safari next week

► Cultural Events calls travelogue a panoramic journey of an African nation

As part of the Travel and Adventure Series, Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events will present "Tanzania Safari" on Thursday, April 18 at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling.

Filmmaker Bob DeLoss' "Tanzania Safari" is a sweeping panoramic journey across one of the most wild and beautiful places of Africa, from the animals of the Serengeti and the Ngorogoro Crater to the mystic spice island of Zanzibar, the snowy summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro and the Lake Victoria headwaters of the Nile.

On the great plains of the Serengeti, DeLoss's camera quietly follows a family of lions, and near Lake Manyara, in the Rift Valley, it records a colony of baboons and watches a baby elephant protecting its mother, left lame from marauding lions.

The Ngorogoro Crater, considered the eighth natural wonder of the world, is home for one of the richest arrays of wildlife on earth.

"Bird watchers would find East Africa a virtual paradise," said DeLoss, a naturalist-adventurer and a former broadcast journalist.

In the Tanzanian port of Dar es Salaam, the great ocean-going vessels in the capital's harbor are dramatically compared with the simple "dola dola" vans providing transportation on its crowded streets.

"We watch wood carvers of Mwenge demonstrate their skills in one of Dar es Salaam's suburbs," said the filmmaker, "and at Tingting we see a most unusual form of primitive painting, dazzlingly colorful and gaining in popularity."

The 80-minute color film also visits the first Roman Catholic mission, a clove plantation on Zanzibar, and a rain forest where a family prepares to climb 19,340 foot Mt. Kilimanjaro -- a dormant volcano. In all, four of Tanzania's major national parks are visited in the film.

"Tanzania Safari" begins at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$5.50 for senior citizens and students. The Travel and Adventure Series is sponsored in part by Fick & Sons, Inc. For more information or for tickets call 344-3539.

# Get a look at that perch!



Photo courtesy of Tanya Wolcott

Zach Wolcott, of Grayling, proudly displays the 15 1/2-inch perch he caught in Higgins Lake on St. Patrick's Day. The fish measures 10 inches in diameter.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

Wed. April 10 - Ham/Chicken on biscuits: Commodities at St. Mary's from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Birthday Dinner and Auction beginning at 5 p.m.

Thu. April 11 - BBQ Pork/Roast Beef: BP's taken 11 a.m. to noon; Out to Lunch gang travels to Traverse Mall at 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 11 a.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. April 12 - Swiss Steak/no dinner; Frederie Satellite at 12:30 p.m.

p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Sat. April 13 - Saturday Foot Clinic by appointment and please remember to bring your towel.

Mon. April 15 - Bratwurst/Chop Suey; Stag Cars at 12 noon; Bridge club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. April 16 - Chicken Strips/Chicken Cacciatore; Euchre at 1 p.m.; and at 5:30 Sheriff Wakefield will be here to speak on Crime Prevention.

Wed. April 17 - Pork Cutlets/Veal Cutlets: Hearing Clinic, by appointment; Stag Cards at 12 noon and RSVP cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; COA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: All things are possible except skiing through a revolving door, so basically there are no excuses!

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 73 complaints the week of April 1-7:

Eight traffic accidents, four non-traffic accidents, one traffic violation (civil infraction), one traffic policing, five accident - all other, seven civil matter disputes - family trouble, four suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 11 general non-criminal, one delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, one driving violations/driving while license suspended, etc.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 69 complaints during the week of March 31 through April 6:

Six misdemeanor citations, four traffic accidents, three private property accidents, two misdemeanor arrests, one felony arrest, five

assault complaints, one forgery complaint, four larceny complaints, one breaking and entering complaint, three juvenile complaints, one fire complaint, one malicious destruction of property complaint, two civil complaints, two city ordinance violation complaints, two animal control complaints, 26 traffic warnings, one suspicious situation, one assist other department, two purchase permits, and one unclassified complaint.

## Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Frederic Fire Fighters Association, the Frederic Fire Department, all our friends in our community, and the surrounding communities.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, before, during, and after the benefit dinner that was held on behalf of Chuck Stoddard.

Contributions from businesses and individuals - the calls, cards, letters, and prayers, were all very heartfelt, and appreciated more than you know.

A special thank you to Aaron and Joann Blaine, who planned, and worked countless hours putting the dinner together. Their caring and friendship has helped us tremendously.

No words could ever express our gratitude to all.

Chuck Stoddard and Family



A wood carver practices his craftsmanship skills in the village of Mwenge, part of the "Tanzania Safari."

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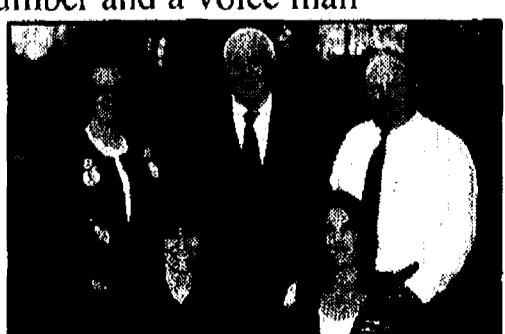
Three seats will be decided on June 10 in the COOR-ISD (Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon Intermediate School District) Board of Education race, although only two people have filed to run.

Incumbents Bernadine Dosch and Robert Carpenter are the only district citizens to meet the filing requirements and April 8 deadline.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

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## Weather thwarts start of spring sports season

# Opening Day postponed



Softball (2001)

► All home games scheduled for week #1 of 2002 season postponed or moved

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

"Opening Day" for Grayling High School's varsity baseball and softball teams - slated for Wednesday, April 10 - will not be played in Grayling as scheduled, if at all this week.

All home games and meets for Grayling's 2002 spring season have been canceled, postponed, or moved to an out of town venue for the first week of the season, April 10-13.

Due to recent weather conditions, the GHS fields are not ready.

Athletic Director Brian Banda said all baseball and softball games scheduled to be played in Grayling this week have been postponed. There is a chance some of the games will be played on the road instead of at GHS, but no venue changes had been confirmed as of Tuesday morning, April 9.

The boys and girls track team is still planning to compete at

Roscommon as scheduled on Wednesday, April 10. "That might be the only thing going," Banda said. "If there's anything else happening, it will be on the road."

Varsity baseball and softball games were slated for Wednesday, April 10 in Grayling. The JV baseball and softball squads were supposed to host Kalkaska on April 12.

The girls soccer team was scheduled to host Oscoda on Friday, April 12. The boys tennis team's meet on Wednesday, April 10, scheduled to be played in Grayling is listed as "doubtful." Grayling's tennis court still had snow on it as of Tuesday, April 9.

The girls golf team is scheduled to play its first meet of the year on April 15.

The spring sports season for GHS is expected to play out normally next week (April 15-19). "Next week we should be able to get going," Banda said. "The weather looks promising."

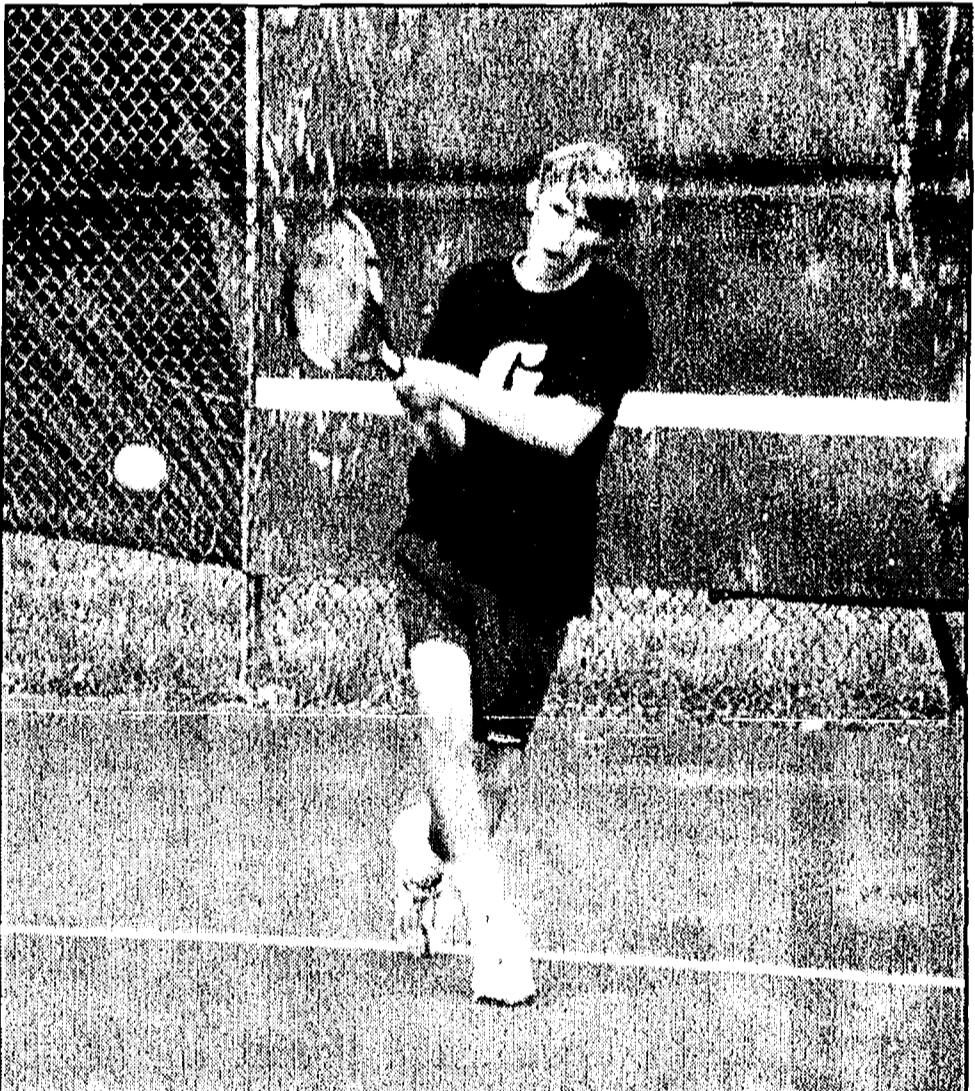
(Upcoming games for all GHS spring sports teams are listed in the partial schedules on this page. Note: \*\*PPD\*\* denotes "postponed" or moved to alternate venue.)



Baseball (2001)



Track & Field (2001)



Boys Tennis (2001)

## Varsity Baseball & Softball Schedule - April '02

Date	Opponent	At	Time
April 10	Boyne City **PPD**	H	4:00
April 12	Kalkaska	A	4:15
April 16	Houghton Lake	H	4:00
April 18	Roscommon	H	4:00
April 23	Oscoda	H	4:00
April 26	Standish Sterling	A	4:00
April 29	Gaylord	H	4:00
April 30	Bay City John Glenn	A	4:00

\*Note: This is only a partial schedule. The teams are scheduled to play eight more doubleheaders in May, plus play-offs.

## JV Baseball & Softball Schedule - April '02

Date	Opponent	At	Time
April 10	Boyne City	A	4:00
April 12	Kalkaska **PPD**	H	4:15
April 16	Houghton Lake	A	4:00
April 18	Roscommon	A	4:00
April 23	Oscoda	A	4:00
April 26	Standish Sterling	A	4:00
April 29	Gaylord	A	4:00
April 30	Bay City John Glenn	H	4:00

\*Note: This is only a partial schedule. The teams are scheduled to play seven more doubleheaders in May.

## Varsity Boys Tennis Schedule - April '02

Date	Opponent	At	Time
April 10	Harbor Springs	H	4:30
April 11	Charlevoix	A	4:00
April 15	Boyne City	A	4:00
April 17	Petoskey (JV)	H	4:00
April 18	Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:00
April 23	Bay City John Glenn	H	4:00
April 24	Elk Rapids	H	4:30
April 29	Harbor Springs	A	4:30

\*Note: This is only a partial schedule. The team is scheduled to play six more meets in May.

## Varsity Girls Golf Schedule - April '02

Date	Opponent	At	Time
April 15	Petoskey	H	4:00
April 18	Alpena	A	4:00
April 22	Newberry	H	4:00
April 24	Traverse City West	A	4:00
April 30	Hillman	TBA	TBA

\*Note: This is only a partial schedule. The team is scheduled to play eight more meets in May.

## Boys & Girls Track Schedule - April '02

Date	Opponent(s)	At	Time
April 10	Roscommon & Cheboygan	A	4:00
April 12	Harrison (JV)	A	3:00
April 15	Ogemaw, Pinconning	H	4:30
April 17	Mio	A	10:00
April 22	Roscommon	A	4:30
April 24	Standish & Gladwin	A	4:30
April 29	Gaylord (JV)	H	4:30

\*Note: This is only a partial schedule. The team is scheduled to compete in five more meets in May.

## Varsity Girls Soccer Schedule - April '02

Date	Opponent	At	Time
April 10	Ogemaw Heights	A	5:00
April 12	Oscoda **PPD**	H	5:00
April 15	Standish Sterling	H	5:00
April 17	Bay City John Glenn	A	5:00
April 22	Gladwin	H	5:00
April 24	Tawas	A	5:00
April 26	Boyne City	A	4:30
April 29	Oscoda	H	5:00

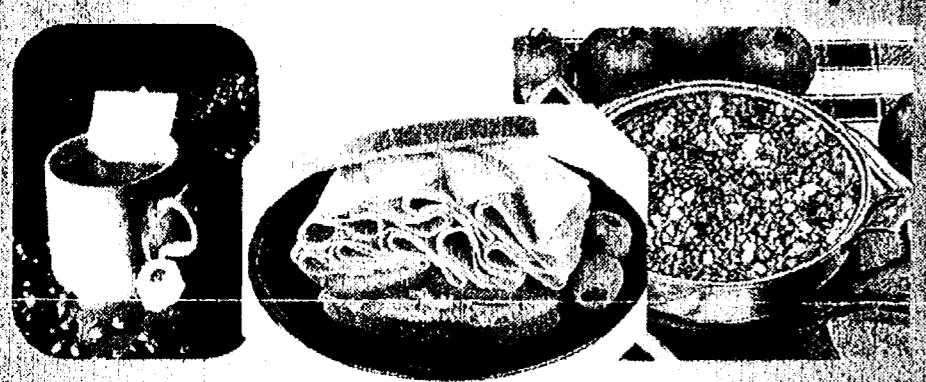
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# Boys basketball awards announced

► Three seniors earn all-conference nods for 2001-02 hoops season

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team presented its team awards and announced all-league and other honors at its March 19 end-of-the-season banquet.

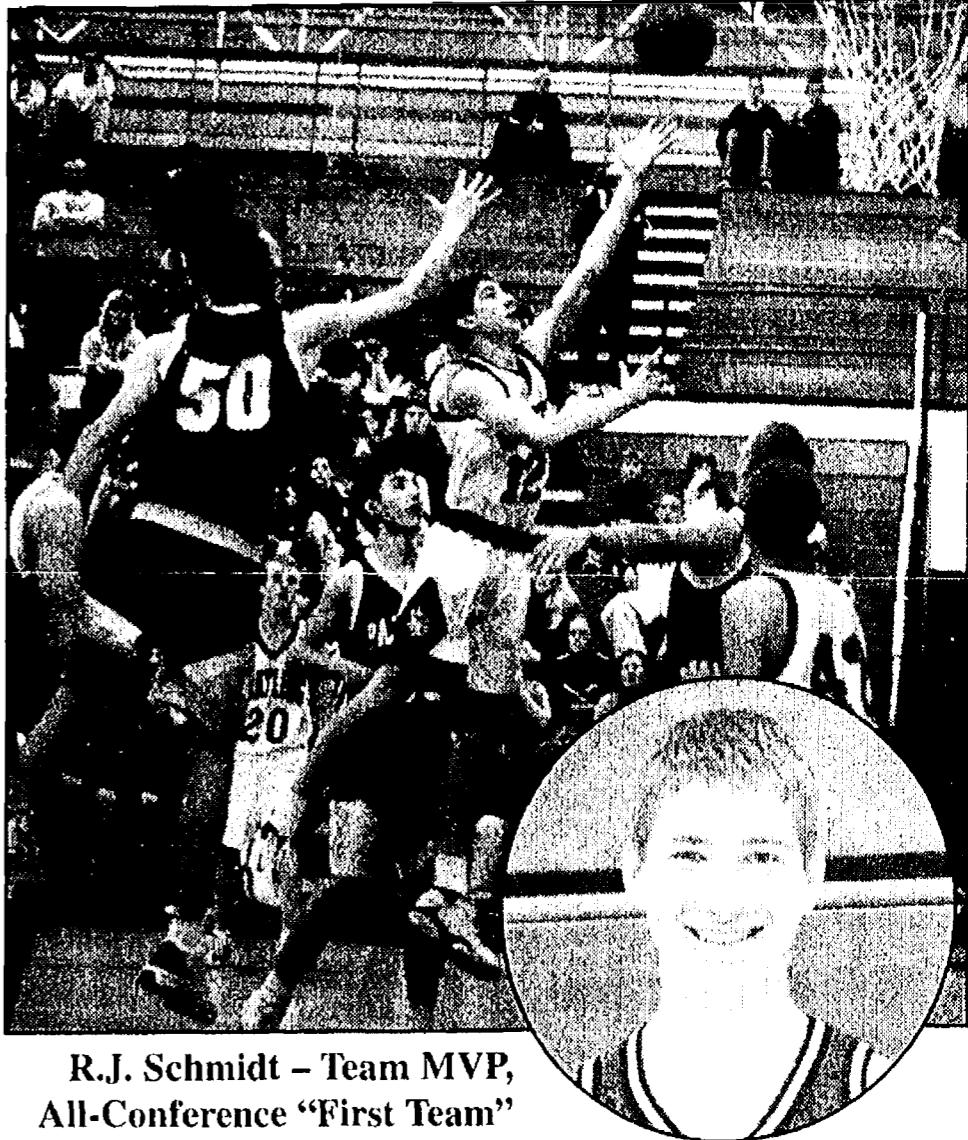
Three Vikings — seniors R.J. Schmidt, Larry Bayham, and Nick D'Amour — earned all-league honors (in the North East Michigan Conference) this year. Schmidt was named to the all-conference "first team," Bayham made the all-

league "second team," and D'Amour received an "honorable mention."

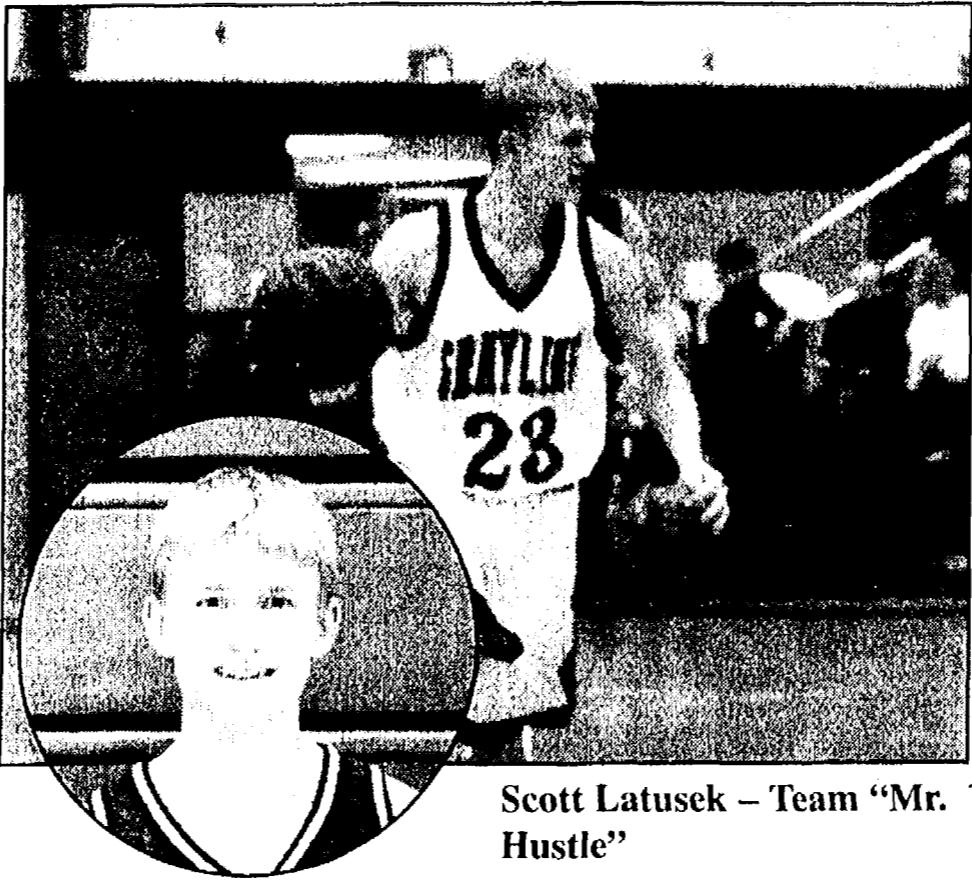
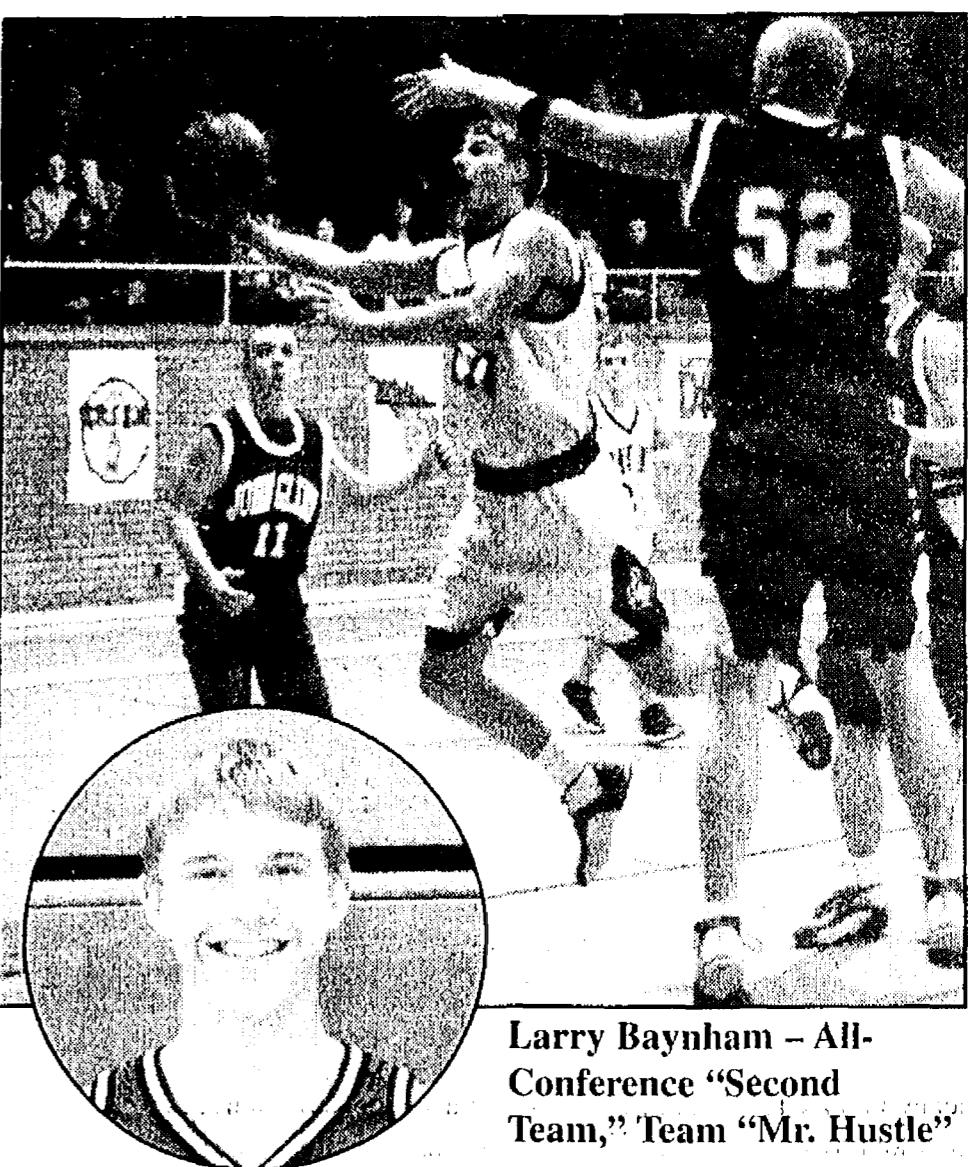
Team awards this year included:

- Most Valuable Player — R.J. Schmidt
- Most Improved Player — Roger Alvarez
- Mr. Hustle — Scott Latusek and Larry Bayham
- Captains — Nick D'Amour, Larry Bayham, Wes Fox

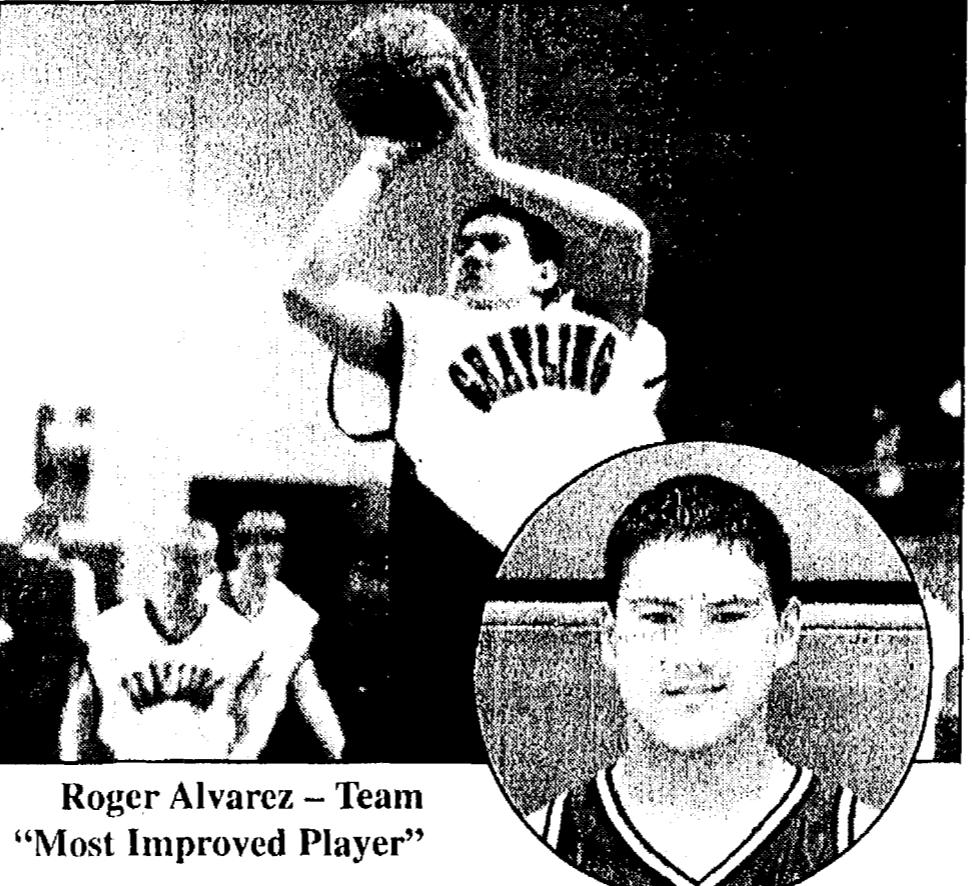
Schmidt, the team's MVP and scoring leader, was also named to the *Detroit Free Press* Class B All-State "Fourth Team," the *Bay City Times* Dream Team, and the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* All-Region Team.



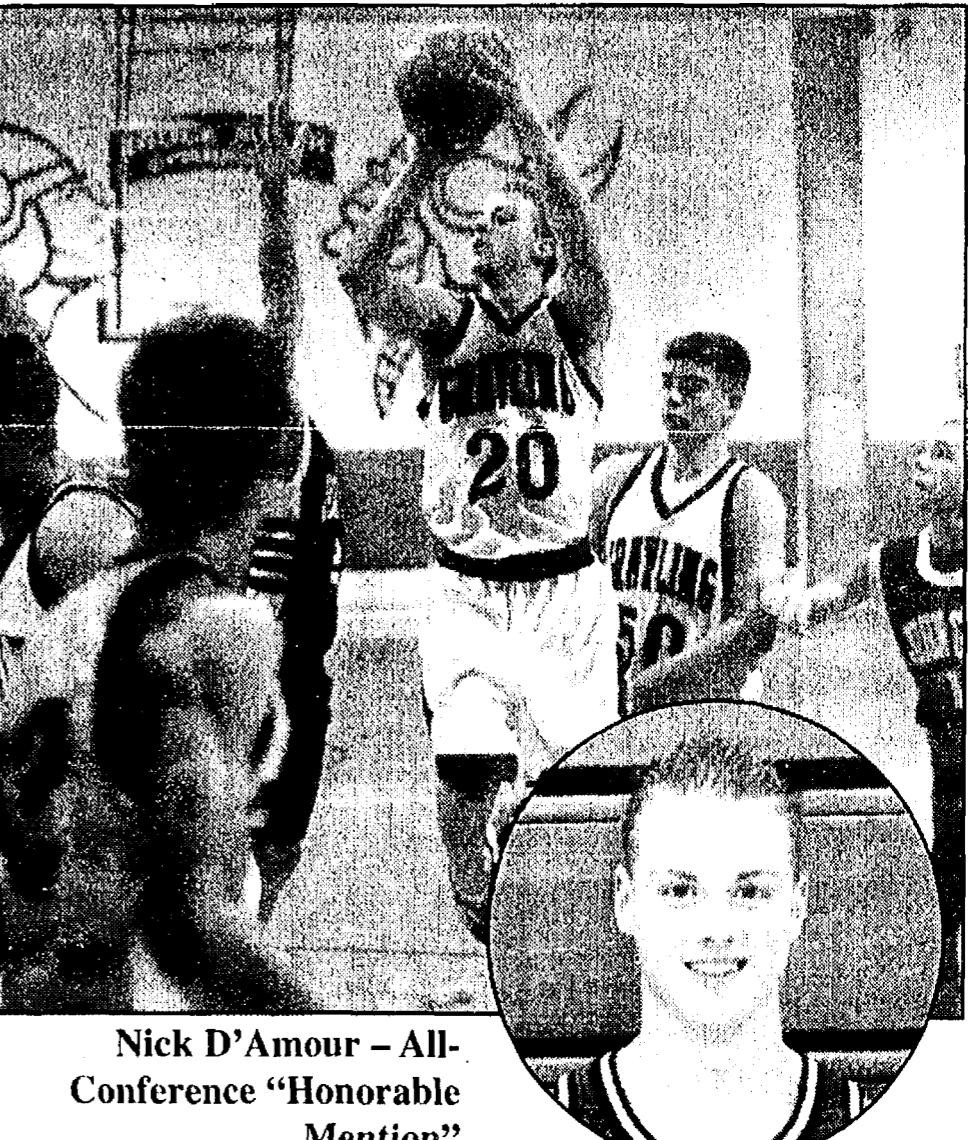
R.J. Schmidt — Team MVP,  
All-Conference "First Team"



Scott Latusek — Team "Mr. Hustle"



Roger Alvarez — Team  
"Most Improved Player"



Nick D'Amour — All-Conference "Honorable Mention"



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# CASD hosts Fine Arts Extravaganza

► Band, choir, debate, and forensic students perform at March 19 event

On Tuesday, March 19, teachers and students of Crawford Ausable Schools presented their first Fine Arts Extravaganza. The Grayling High School auditorium was a "full house" when the Extravaganza began at 7 p.m.

The evening featured displays of what goes on in each area of Fine Arts in the school district.

Performances included the following students, teachers, and events:

- Ausable Primary students singing traditional nursery rhymes and playing musical instruments - Teacher Mr. Jim Brown;

- Frederic Elementary 3rd-5th grades and Grayling Elementary's 5th grade singing folk songs from around the world - Teacher Ms. D.J. Brown;

- GMS Choir student Chuck Hughes and GHS Girls Ensemble - Teacher Mrs. Ross;

- GMS Forensic students, Keith Revord, Meng Xiong and Troy Wilson - Teacher Mr. Gorski;

- GHS Forensic student Gina Rosi storytelling "Princess Prunella and the Purple Peanut" - Teacher Mr. Lackenbacher;

- GHS Debate students, Sheana Favor, Carlyn Dobry, and Anna Lepsky - Teacher Mr. Stoltz;

- Grayling French Horn Ensemble students Apryl Rogenstein, Maeghan Corwin, Summer Coe, Jon Kane, and Andy Curriston - Teacher Mrs. Nieman;

- GHS Clarinet Duet students



GMS Jazz Band students perform at Crawford AuSable School District's first Fine Arts Extravaganza on Tuesday, March 19.



Ausable Primary students perform at the March 19 fine arts event with nursery rhymes and music.

Jason Henning and Kip Franklin - Teacher Mr. Gott;

• GMS Jazz Band students Dennis Nelson, Ryan Seewald, Colleen

Fleischman, Jeff Bancroft, Kyle Seewald, Amanda Jackson, Jon Kane, Nick Fitzpatrick, Bob Ramaswamy, Cory Scheer, Monica

Leslie, Christi Schmidt, Jamie Wyss, Mike Hoag, Austin Andrus, Chuck Hughes - Teacher Mrs. Nieman.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation	
Glen's Market	35 - 21
Skyline Ski & C.C.	30.5 - 25.5
Scheer Motors	30.5 - 25.5
Woody Girls	30 - 26
Mickey Perez CPA	29 - 27
Gale Enterprises	25 - 31
Chicken Little Joint Pro.	23 - 33
Peterson Saw Service	21 - 35
High Series: L. Dellar, 567; V. Balmes, 521; S. Johnson, 498.	
High Game: L. Dellar, 192 and 192; K. Moshier, 187.	

### Pioneer

Avalanche	33 - 15
South Side River Rats	27 - 21
Millikin's	27 - 21
Chemical Bank	26 - 22
Custom Interior	25 - 23
Aunt Betty's	21 - 27
McDonald's of Grayling	20 - 28
Rochette's	13 - 35
High Series: J. Hinds, 549; S. Johnson, 546; W. Finkbeiner, 500.	
High Game: S. Johnson, 234; J. Hinds, 203 and 198.	

### National First

Hellebuyck Masonry	56 - 35
Faustman's Insurance	49 - 42
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Hart Pontiac-GMC	47 - 44
Denholm Chiropractic	47 - 44
Legion Lanes	42 - 49
Northern White Tail	39 - 52
Miller's Production	36 - 55
High Series: C. Brill, 637; M. Barr,	

593; S. Miller, 589.	
High Game: C. Brill, 236; G. Goniewich, 233; P. Faustman, 229.	
<b>American Men's League</b>	
CSI Ind. Systems	21 - 07
Barber Construction	20 - 08
Moore's Automotive	14 - 14
Scheer Motors	14 - 14
McLeans ACE	13 - 15
Forrest Brothers	11 - 17
Fenton's Auto Service	11 - 17
North Woods Land	08 - 02
High Series: J. Arwood, 619; M. Smith, 606; L. Davis, 601.	
High Game: J. Arwood, 238; P. Faustman, 220; J. Thayer, 219.	
<b>Triangle League</b>	
Deane Systems	39 - 17
Moshier Auto Repair	34 - 22
Barber Construction	28 - 28
Stitches by Sue	28 - 28
Ghost Team	27 - 29
Sawmill Tavern	25 - 31
Gray Rock Cafe	23 - 33
Central MI. Painting	20 - 36
High Series: D. Canfield, 606; R. Moshier, 565; J. Mehal Sr., 564.	
High Game: B. Hollis, 223; D. Canfield and C. Moshier, 222.	
<b>Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles</b>	
Moshier Auto Repair	70 - 35
R & M Masonry	67 - 38
Waste Management	60 - 45
Custom Interior	49 - 56
McDonald's	48 - 57
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## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Sawmill II	205
Spikes	190
Frederic Inn	176
Swamp II	175
Plaza	166
Legion	156
Holiday Inn	147
Sawmill I	129

5 Ball Run: Rose and Annette, Swamp II; Jill, Plaza.

6 Ball Run: Dee, Spikes; Sandy, Sawmill II.

(Note: These are YEAR END FINAL SCORES)

**FOOT NOTES**  
by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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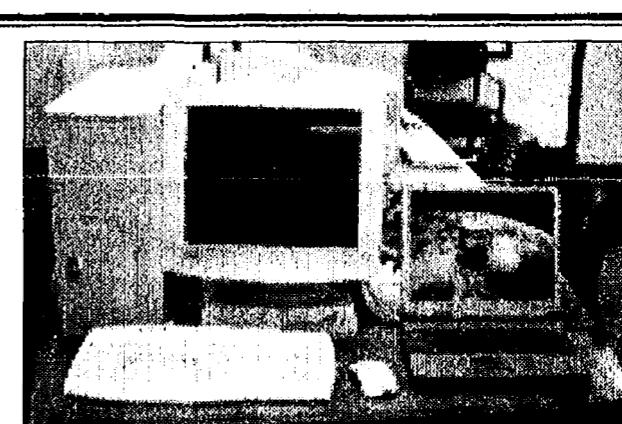
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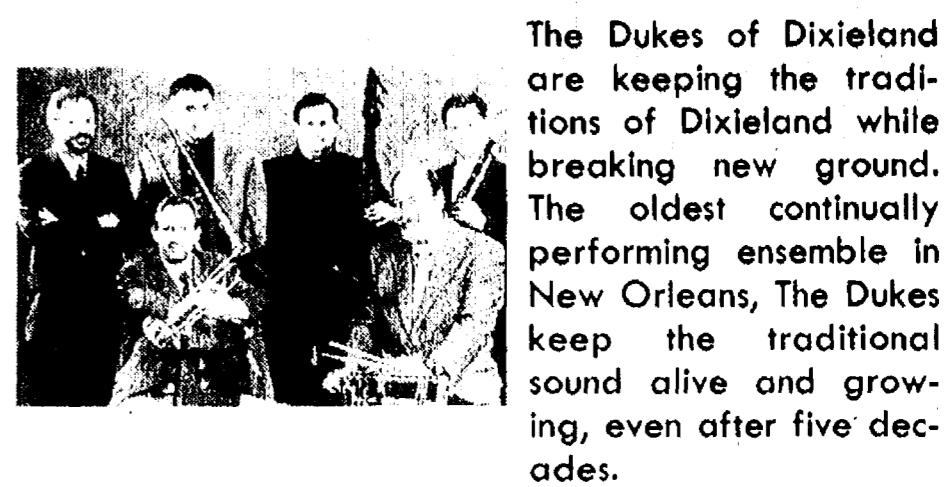
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## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE BY PERSONS CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED:

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interest in, or Liens upon, the Lands herein described, and to Theresa Steinkowski (aka Theresa A. Stempkowski) and to her unknown Husband, owners of last recorded title according to the Crawford County records, and to their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act in their own behalf,

TAKE NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50 percent in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, without other additional cost of charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Beaver Creek, Town 25 North Range 4 West, Section 24, Parcel E: Part of W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 24, 2.60 acres  
Pared Number: 20-050-051-024-10-020-01  
100%

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTIFY (248) 362-5459 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Bill Prescott, single person of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Flagstar Bank, FSB dated the 4th day of August A.D. 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of August, A.D. 2000, in Liber 515 of Crawford Records, on page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$123,060.05 (one hundred twenty three thousand sixty dollars and five cents) including interest there on at

TAX FOR YEAR: 1996  
AMOUNT PAID: \$111.99  
AMOUNT NECESSARY TO REDEM: \$167.99 (plus sheriff fees)  
(signed) Farm and Forest Enterprises  
DBA of Collin K. Burnette  
P.O. Box 784  
Saline MI 48176

-28-4-11-18

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, A.D. 2002, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, which said premises are described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 20 for a Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 26 Minutes 00 Seconds West on the Section Line, 237.00 Feet; thence North 00 degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 300.00 feet;

thence South 89 Degrees 26 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 239.10 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24 Minutes 00 Seconds West on Section Line, 300.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID: 062-020-016-040-07

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 310  
Troy, MI 48084

-28-4-11-18-25

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas L. McMurtrie and Sharon L. McMurtrie, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, mortgagee, dated April 18, 1996 and recorded April 26, 1996 in Liber 410, Page 388-391, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum

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Other cast members include Beth Bonnington as Hercules, Austin Andrus as King Arthur, Chelsea Curriston as Queen Guenevere, and Jenny Long as the Jester. Also appearing were Kristina Weiso, Chelsea Van Nuck, Kim Long, Vickie King, John Ventline, Cassie Pizzi, Andrew Felver, Katti Messerschmidt, and Aneava Limniel.

Steve Coe and Nadine Emmons built the King Arthur's Court set and Stacy Rosin-Gay directed the musical.



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Chuck Hughes and Summer Coe as Merlin and Morgan LeFey

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The deadline for filing an Opt Out Request form is June 17, 2002. To request additional information from which you can determine whether you are eligible to opt out of the class action settlement or to request either a Claim Form or an Opt Out Request form, you may contact the LP Siding Litigation Claims Administrator. If you have damaged LP siding that is eligible for compensation under the settlement agreement and desire to file a claim, you must complete a Claim Form and return it to the LP Siding Litigation Claims Administrator postmarked on or before December 31, 2002.

For information contact: LP Siding Litigation Claims Administrator  
P.O. Box 3240 Portland, OR 97208-3240  
Toll-Free: 1-800-245-2722 www.lpsidingclaims.com

mortgage the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR and 4/100 Dollars (\$17,464.04) including interest at the rate of 11 1/2% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 197 & 198, AuSable Woods #6, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the book of plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 28, 2002  
Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for Old Kent Bank now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank

As Mortgagee

2501 Rochester Court

Troy, MI 48083

(248) 457-1000

File No. 200 0313

-28-4-11-18-25

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary D. Isenbauer and Galah J. Isenbauer, husband and wife to Superior Bank FSB Pacific Equity Division, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 1999, and recorded on March 22, 1999, in Liber 0477, on page 245 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to LaSalle National Bank as trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement DTD 02/01/99 Series 1999-1, by an assignment dated March 10, 1999, and recorded on March 5, 2002, in Liber 572, on page 309, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum

of fifty thousand two hundred twenty eight and 43/100 Dollars (\$50,228.43), including interest at 9.375 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 1, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the book of plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debts secured by said mortgages or any part thereof, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at ten o'clock in the forenoon local time, said mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Courthouse lobby in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgages, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the total amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgages, with the interest thereon at 8.95% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, and described as follows:

A part of the Northwest 1/4, Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, beginning at the Northwest corner of same and running thence South 0 degrees 45 minutes East along the West line thereof 219.4 feet; thence South 49 degrees 32 minutes East 579.6 feet to the right of way line of Highway M-144; thence North 40 degrees 28 minutes East along same 165 feet; thence North 49 degrees 32 minutes 32 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002

Attorney for : Assignee of Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

For Information please call:

(248) 540-7701

LaSalle National Bank as

Trustee Under the Pooling and

Servicing Agreement DTD

02/01/99 Series 1999-1

Assignee of Mortgagee

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Mortgage Sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tammy A. Jackson, an unmarried individual, of 8315 M-18, Roscommon.

Dated: March 28, 2002

1st Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee Jennings,

Engemann & Benson, P.C.

By: Katrina Benson P-56046

Attorney for Mortgagee

575 Court Street, P.O. Box 487

West Branch, MI 48661

(989) 345-5330

-4-11-18-25

### NOTICE

The City of Grayling is looking for a city resident interested in serving on the Grayling Parks Committee.

This important committee works closely with the City Council concerning matters that involve the planning and development of our City Park and Recreation opportunities.

Residents who are interested should contact the Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 by 4:00 p.m., April 25, 2002.

Kay Ellen King  
City Clerk

DEED NUMBER: 63

### KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is accepting proposals from contractors to re-grade ten driveways on College Drive.

An open house to review the project will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 3:30 p.m. Prospective bidders should meet at the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus.

Proposals will be received until Tuesday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the physical plant office located in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus where they shall be opened and publicly read. Proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the physical plant office or by calling 989-275-5000, ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days

# LEGAL ACTION

## SYNOPSIS Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting & Public Hearing March 13, 2002

Members Present: Tom Hall, Janice Annis, Ruth O'Mara, Terry R. Wright.

Members Absent:

Monica Ashton.

Citizens Present: Larry Wakeley, Barbara Wakeley, Marsha Wakeley, Gene Wakeley, Suzanne Romain.

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #02-8: Lawrence and Linda Stephan, petitioners

40-004-010-020-00  
T26N, R2W, Sec. 4  
2168 S. Spite Rd.  
NRD Zone

A request to construct a 1120 sq. ft. one story residence with a walk out basement 147.5' from the mainstream, a variance of 16.5' (includes 36' rise in bank) and convert an existing cabin into a detached accessory building.

Case #02-9 Jack C. Mahank, petitioner

045-766-12-021-00  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 9  
Portage Lake Park Sub.  
9270 Romany Ave.  
R-2 Zone

A request of variance of minimum lot width to allow construction of a home on lot which is 60' wide rather than the required width of 80'. Applicant intends to construct a home at the location of his detached garage, and modify/construct a garage where existing home is located.

Case #02-6 Tom & Janet Cogswell, petitioners.

(Amended and tabled 3-25-02)  
045-160-00-010-00  
T26N, R3W, Sec. 12  
Lot 10, Babbitt's AuSable River Park  
354 West Park Drive  
NRD Zone.

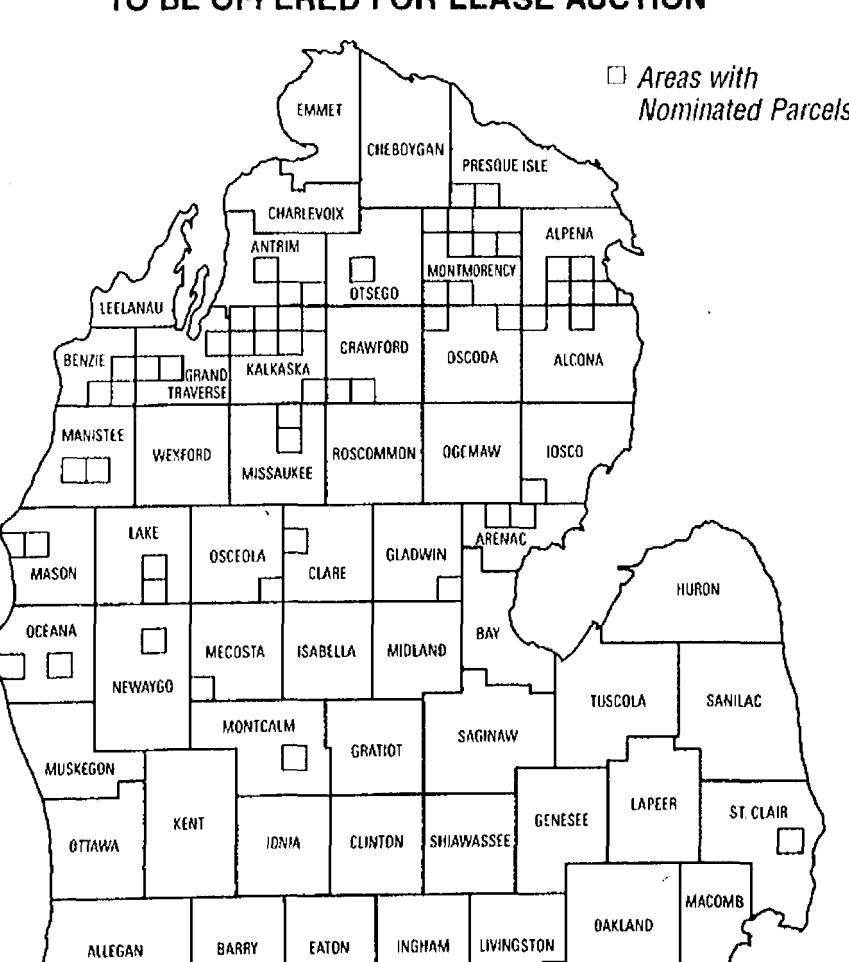
A request to construct a 267 sq. ft. one-story addition to an existing residence and an attached 1 1/2 story 24'x36' garage on the east side. Closest point of new construction 65' from the mainstream, a variance of 130' (includes 5' rise in bank), 20' from the east side lot line, a variance of 20', and 45' from the rear lot line, a variance of 5'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton  
Township Clerk

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE-OWNED MINERALS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE AUCTION



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will offer at an oral-bid public auction, oil and gas lease rights of approximately 37,000 acres of State-owned minerals in those Michigan counties indicated herein.

**Registration of bidders** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2002, at the Ottawa Conference Center, located at 608 W Allegan, Hannah Building (Upper Level), Lansing, Michigan. **Offering of lease rights** will begin at 10:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of \$13.00 per acre, and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally, at the auction's end and at the option of the MDNR, parcels not bid in at \$13.00 per acre may be re-offered at a minimum bid of \$5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The **total bonus** bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the MDNR through prior leasing of State-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with **MDNR, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division (FMFM)**, three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank. In no instance will the MDNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero day site draft."

An auction catalog showing further auction particulars including a) the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered, and b) parcel classifications, is available through MDNR/FMFM, PO Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663 or at <http://www.michigan.gov>.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description, must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NOT LATER THAN MAY 7, 2002. Any request for change in classification will be considered by the Department prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Road Comm., leaving the amount to be spread among property owners at \$89,525.61 plus a one percent administration required by the township. The total equals \$90,420.87. This amount will be spread among the 36 owners of 48 parcels, over a five-year period. Cost overruns of up to 10 percent will be allowed. If overruns of more than 10 percent occur, they will be the responsibility of the Crawford County Road Comm.

Construction schedules will be at the discretion of the Crawford County Road Commission.

Four methods of dividing the assessment roll are being presented for public input.

Meeting was opened to public comment: Ed Martella: Side road property owners benefit same as those fronting on Whirlpool. Larry Wakeley: In favor or proposal #2. Ron Romain: In favor or proposal #2. Alan Bersted: In favor of proposal #2. Correspondence: Baily Lewis: Proposal #1 or #4.

Durga's: Proposal #2.

Dmytrusz II: Request exemption, legal property access from Richardson Rd. only. Supervisor will verify.

A show of hands found most present favoring proposal #2 which would provide that all in assessment district \$376.76 for each lot they own, each year.

Mrs. Martella requested info on how to lower the speed limit once road is paved. Public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

#### REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Wright called the regular meeting of the Grayling Township Board to order at 6:36 p.m.

Members present: Annis, Hall, O'Mara, Wright, Members Absent: Ashton.

#### Innovation and Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Business:

1. Motion by Annis, seconded by O'Mara, that Grayling Township contribute \$35,000.00 to the blacktopping of Whirlpool Road. This amount to be allocated in the 2002-03 fiscal year budget. Ayes: Annis, Hall, O'Mara, Wright.

2. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to adopt the resolution accepting the terms of agreement received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding the Grayling Township Fish Hatchery Park Grant, including the appropriation of \$125,000 to match the grant authorized by the MDNR. Ayes: four, Nays: zero. Absent:

3. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to increase the fees regarding variances, rezoning, conditional uses, etc. The fee schedule will be submitted to the Planning Commission for their comments at the April 30, 2002 meeting.

4. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2002 as presented. Ayes: four, absent: one. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's report for February 2002, was read and placed on file.

6. Correspondence: (No action required) February Recycling Report,

Summary of City of Grayling goal setting session, MTA info on donations to animal shelter, Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch Feb. Rpt., Sheriff Dept., Feb. Rpt. CASD Board Briefs Jan/Feb '02, Chamber News March.

7. Allen Lowe, City Manager and Dave Wyman, City Mayor, presented proposal to replace City/Township Fire Department Agreement, that expires soon. Supervisor and Clerk to schedule meeting with City to discuss terms of agreement.

8. A request has been received from the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals to increase the fees regarding variances, rezoning, conditional uses, etc. The fee schedule will be submitted to the Planning Commission for their comments at the April 30, 2002 meeting.

9. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to adopt the resolution accepting the terms of agreement received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding the Grayling Township Fish Hatchery Park Grant, including the appropriation of \$125,000 to match the grant authorized by the MDNR. Ayes: four, Nays: zero. Absent:

10. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to increase the fees regarding variances, rezoning, conditional uses, etc. The fee schedule will be submitted to the Planning Commission for their comments at the April 30, 2002 meeting.

11. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2002 as presented. Ayes: four, absent: one. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Hall, second by Annis, pay claims on vouchers #12, 23542-23578, Bd. and Comm. Fees \$490,000, Guardian Dental \$618.48 for a grand total of \$31,445.30. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

13. Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, second by Hall, carried.

Janice M. Annis, Recorder

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.

Grayling Township Clerk

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one. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to adopt Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding regarding coordinated planning of improvements along the M-72 Corridor as a policy document and instruct affected Boards and Commission of Grayling Township to implement the provisions thereof. Ayes: four, Nay: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

11. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to authorize Wright to attend Rafts-to-Trails Seminar in Grand Rapids on April 28-30, 2002. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

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Grayling Township Clerk

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 02-6418-DE

State of William Richard Rhinehart, Sr., date of birth June 25, 1928.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, William Richard Rhinehart, Sr., who lived at 10859 W. Forest Way, Roscommon, Michigan, died April 12, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mark Rhinehart, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 16, 2002

John P.S. Miller P.30879

P.O. Box 287

Roscommon, MI 48653

(989) 275-1131

Mark Rhinehart

28550 Somerset

Induster, Michigan 48141

-11-18-25-2-9

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given the Default has occurred in the following Mortgages given to the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture:

1. Mortgage given by Bonnie S. Barnes dated October 25, 1994 and recorded on October 25, 1994 in Liber 385 on pages 318 through 321 of the Crawford County Records and:

2. Mortgage given by Delmar E. Gasser and Tina M. Avery dated July 11, 1996 and recorded on July 16, 1996 in Liber 414 on pages 498 through 501 of the Crawford County Records.

No proceeding have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three and 23/100 (\$49,123.23) Dollars.

The Mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on May 1, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgages, including interest at the rate of 7.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgages as:

Lot 18, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL §600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Acting Through the Rural Development  
Agency, P/K/A the Farmers Home  
Administration, of the United States  
Department of Agriculture.

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-28-4-11-18-25

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 PROPOSED NEW SANITARY HEALTH CODE

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, April 30, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.**, the Board of Public Health for the District Health Department #10 will hold a Public hearing in the **"Meeting Room"** at the **Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library** located at **201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738**, concerning the proposed new Sanitary Code (proposed to become effective on October 1, 2002). A copy of the proposed new Sanitary Code may be reviewed or purchased at the Crawford County Office, of District Health Department #10 located at 202 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI, Monday thru Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30.

All interested persons may attend the public meeting and be heard with regard to the proposed new Sanitary Code. Written comments may be submitted to the local health department at the above address.

Board of Public Health for the District Health Department #10  
March 28, 2002

-4-11-18-25

### CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS

#### 2002 SCHEDULE FOR YARD WASTE & RECYCLING

##### YARD WASTE

Tuesday	April 16
Tuesday	May 7 & 21
Tuesday	June 4 & 18</td

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**April 12, 1979**

An early-morning mishap resulting in a fire, destroyed a Dial-A-Ride bus shortly after 8 a.m. last Thursday morning in downtown Grayling. Despite the incident, driver Betty Failing was pronounced a "Heroine" for her quick aid in evacuating three elementary school youngsters, bound for the elementary school, before radioing the incident to the fire department. She is credited with the quick evacuation of the three students after she noticed that the engine compartment of the bus was on fire. Shortly after the passengers were evacuated, the bus was completely destroyed.

Two local youths involved in the shotgun armed robbery of the Best Gas Station in 1977, were sentenced to prison terms last week by Circuit Judge William Porter. Duane Jochims and Richard Ferrigan, both of Grayling, were sentenced to terms of 4-10 years and 3-10 years respectively for their participation in the incident. The Sheriff's Dept. deputies traced the two down after they held up the station and fled on a snowmobile.

Would you believe Friday, April 6th? Mother Nature took one last swipe at us last week when we experienced the worst storm this winter when high winds and snow began Thursday night and lasted until late Friday afternoon, closing schools, knocking out power in several areas and blowing down trees across roads.

A tanker truck carrying crude oil

went out of control and overturned just north of the high school late Monday morning shutting down public traffic on the highway for about a five-hour period. Apparently the rig went out of control after hitting an icy spot and spun off the highway with the tanker portion of the vehicle overturning. Workers spent hours transferring 8000 gallons of crude oil to another tanker while fire units stood by as a precautionary measure.

### 46 Years Ago

**April 12, 1956**

The Third Annual Grayling Trade Show sponsored by the Grayling Woman's Club drew a paid attendance of 2,002 during the two day run at the new Grayling High gym last weekend. The stage talent presented this year was both varied and entertaining and brought heavy applause from the crowd.

The Sophomore class of Grayling High School is sponsoring a Talent Show which will be held in the new gymnasium. Admission is adults 65¢ and children 45¢. The tryouts for the show were held at the school last Monday evening.

Miss Gloria Ann Millikin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millikin, became the bride of Peter W. Stephan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan on Saturday, April 7, 1956. The happy couple are now at home in Karen Woods, Grayling.

Grayling's independent basketball team, the Bear Archery Indians closed out their 1955-1956 season winning the Wolverine Independent Basketball Tournament Saturday

night with a 85 to 65 victory over a strong Mackinaw City five, closing the season with a 19 win, 6 loss record.

### 69 Years Ago

**April 13, 1933**

A group of people met at the Board of Trade rooms Tuesday evening and organized a Civic Improvement League. The object of the League is to beautify Grayling and to promote and support welfare work. Those present at the meeting were in favor of making a beauty spot of the public park located on the highway just across the river. Tourists driving into Grayling will get a favorable impression in approaching the town if this area is made attractive. It is the idea of the members that every person interested in this project and in the welfare of our town should become members of the organization and help put across this splendid idea.

The members of the U.S.A.C., a girls' club, entertained their little sisters at an Easter party last evening at the home of Bernice Pfanner. Games and contests were played and a prize was given to Milford Lovely. A delicious potluck lunch was served, and last, but not least, came the Easter egg hunt when the little folks each found baskets of Easter eggs. The youngsters all are anxious to know when big sisters are going to treat them again.

Postmaster M.A. Bates is glad for the return of his automobile, which was stolen from in front of the Schumann home on the night of March 27th. He was notified Friday that it was at Mackinaw City, so Lorane Sparkes and Alex Atkinson drove there and brought it home. Authorities there claimed that the

machine was found abandoned on a Mackinaw street on March 28 and as the car was locked it was towed to a garage. The thief no doubt after running out of gas abandoned the car.

Township board and school districts of the county will be happy to learn that County Treasurer Ferguson has received from the state the sum of \$4,576.70 in payment of the ten-cents-per-acre tax imposed against the state on all state owned lands. The bill compelling payment of this tax by the state to the counties in which the lands lie, was introduced two years ago by our representative in the state legislature, William Green. This sum will be apportioned between the several townships and school districts of the county.

### 92 Years Ago

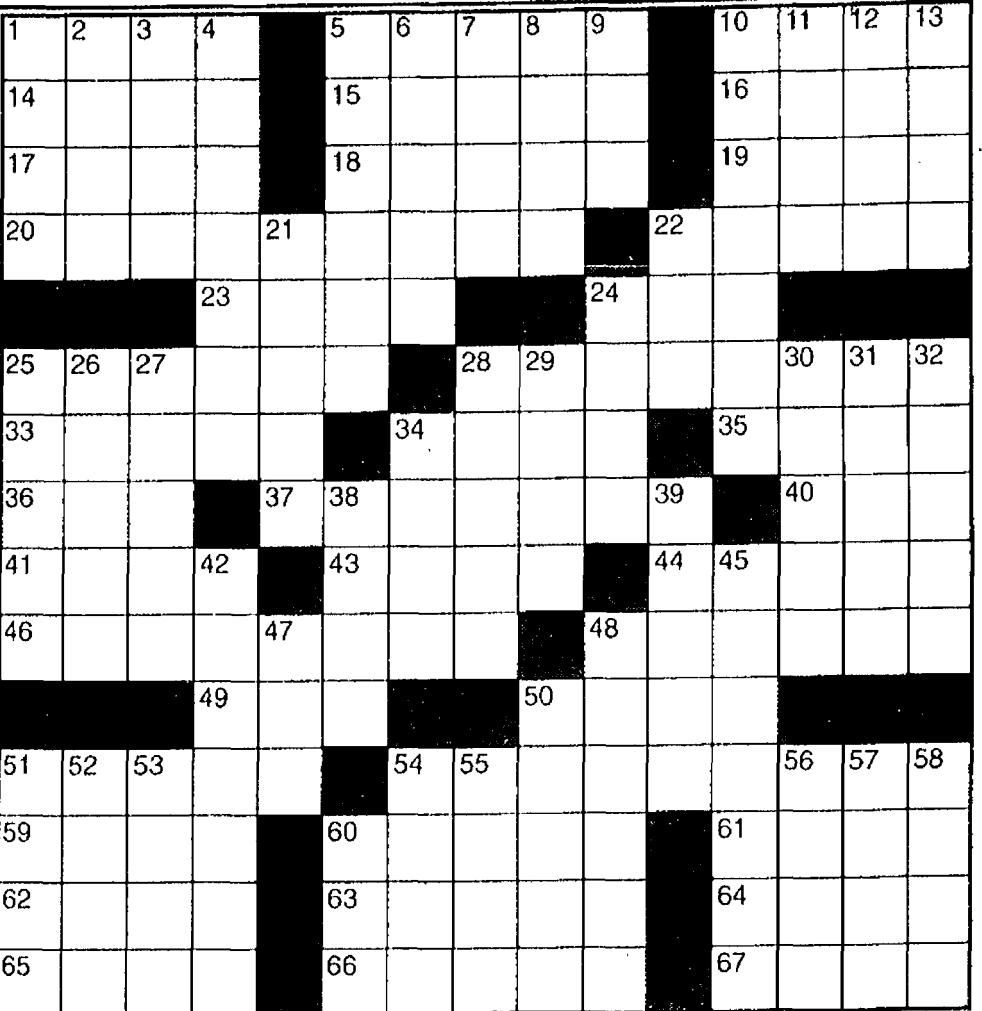
**April 14, 1910**

Have you seen the comet? A few who were watching for it report that they saw the tail between one and two o'clock Tuesday morning.

Frequent excursions are made these days to the rural districts after the fragrant trailing arbutus, the sweetest and fairest flower that blooms in this section. Many packages containing the blossoms are sent by mail to distant friends.

Mrs. C.W. Amidon has received a photo from Los Angeles, California, of her sister, Mrs. J.E. Figg and her friend, Mrs. Champton, both formerly of Owosso, who were in the air, apparently about five hundred feet, enjoying a ride in an aeroplane. Mrs. Figg was her own engineer running her own machine. It must be exhilarating and nice, but we will walk a while yet.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- |                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Beer "head"                  | 49. Distress signal                           | 24. Aces                                 |
| 5. Pool move                    | 50. Divest                                    | 25. Stage offering                       |
| 10. Over                        | 51. Search a suspect                          | 26. Expand                               |
| 14. Part of A.D.                | 54. Mishaps                                   | 27. Happening                            |
| 15. Over                        | 59. Hindu princess                            | 28. Norton's workplace                   |
| 16. Reject                      | 60. Punster's reward                          | 29. Exceedingly, in                      |
| 17. Sacred picture              | 61. Destroy                                   | 30. Paree                                |
| 18. Afflicted with hydrophobia  | 62. Hence                                     | 31. Ambition                             |
| 19. Wise                        | 63. ___ for the Benefit of Mr. Kite (Beatles) | 32. ___ et les Hommes (Jean Renoir film) |
| 20. Redid                       | 64. Ferber or Best                            | 34. ZIP code's predecessor               |
| 22. John Wilkes Booth, for one  | 65. New driver, often                         | 38. Great quantity                       |
| 23. Pigeon shelter              | 66. Gobs                                      | 39. Boss undone by Harper's Weekly       |
| 24. Links gp.                   | 67. Like the ocean                            | 42. Jam, e.g.                            |
| 25. Resides                     |   | 45. Bade                                 |
| 28. Equivocate                  |   | 47. Fine and dandy                       |
| 30. Hold, as one's attention    |   | 48. Items                                |
| 34. Goose egg                   |   | 50. Measly                               |
| 35. Articulated                 |   | 51. Angular design                       |
| 36. Bubbleless drink            |   | 52. Unique                               |
| 37. Least rapid                 |   | 53. Picnic playwright                    |
| 40. Sweet Betsy from Pike's man |   | 54. Vicinity                             |
| 41. The ___ Club (1986 film)    |   | 55. Wind                                 |
| 43. Dollar bills                |   | 56. Like Lady Godiva                     |
| 44. Interlaced                  |   | 57. Part of a runcible spoon             |
| 46. Aardvark                    |   | 58. Use a chalk line                     |
| 48. Mother                      |   | 60. Literary monogram                    |

### DOWN

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. "Scarborough ___"            | 1. "Scarborough ___"     |
| 2. A single time only           | 2. A single time only    |
| 3. Prolific author: abbr.       | 3. Judicial wear         |
| 4. Eyeglass                     | 4. Roman poet            |
| 5. "Forty ___"                  | 5. Between sm. and lg.   |
| 6. Ease                         | 10. Guacamole ingredient |
| 7. Bubbleless drink             | 11. Pegged-down digs     |
| 8. Least rapid                  | 12. Graham of football   |
| 10. Sweet Betsy from Pike's man | 13. Down and out         |
| 41. The ___ Club (1986 film)    | 21. Electrical units     |
| 43. Dollar bills                | 22. Oltoman VIP          |
| 44. Interlaced                  |                          |
| 46. Aardvark                    |                          |
| 48. Mother                      |                          |

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## Adopt a Pet



Giles is a flat-coated retriever mix. He is a bit "blurry" here, but a very friendly dog and is approximately 3 years old. There are many dogs and cats waiting for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Please call 348-4117 for more information on Giles or any other animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

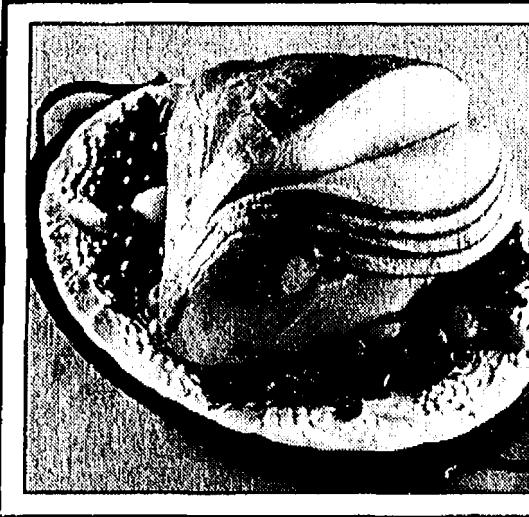
The Animal Shelter is gearing up for the big adoption event at the zoo in Detroit the weekend of May 4-5. Our animals are all being spayed and neutered to go to the zoo and on to new homes. Our adoption prices have gone up on spayed or neutered animals and it is now \$125 to adopt a dog that is already spayed or neutered and has had all of its shots. Those who have not yet been altered may be adopted for \$50. To see what animals are up for adoption at the shelter, log on to: ascc.petfinder.com today!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am After hour appointments available.

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Show	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4/03	30	26	4					
4/04	33	15						
4/05	30	21						
4/06	32	19						
4/07	37	19	T					
4/08	40	28						
4/09	47	36						

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## TANGY APRICOT GLAZED HAM

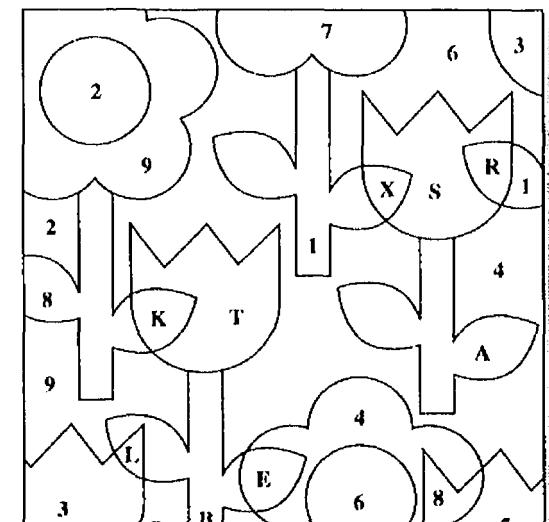
### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

- 1 Bone-In Spiral Sliced Ham, Butt or Shank Portion or Half Ham  
1/2 cup apricot preserves  
2 tablespoons chili sauce  
2 teaspoons prepared horseradish  
2 teaspoons dry mustard

Prepare and heat ham according to package directions. Meanwhile, to prepare glaze, combine all ingredients in saucepan and heat gently. Brush glaze on Cook's ham 30 minutes before meat is done. Heat ham uncovered for final 30 minutes. Carve ham and serve.

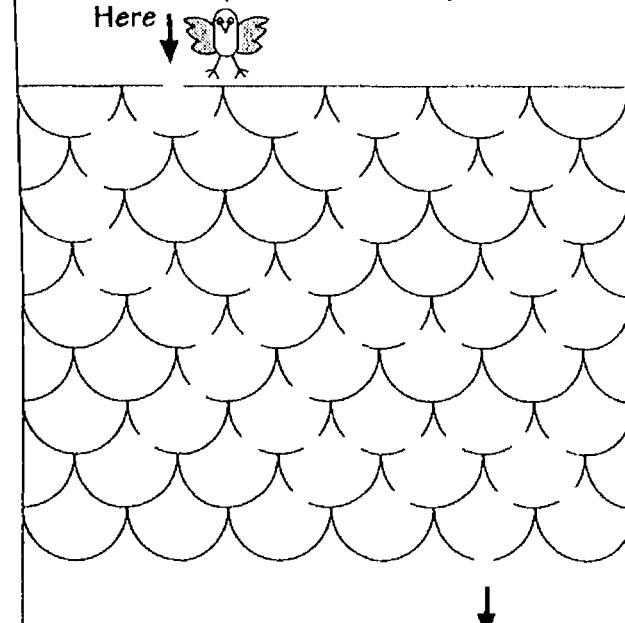
## DID YOU KNOW? The longest sand castle ever built measured 5.2 miles long.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## MAZE



Start Help the bird find his way down the root.

## KIDDING

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## HOROSCOPES

### For the Week of April 11, 2002

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 19

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22

**LEO**  
August 23-September 22

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21

**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22

**VIRGO**  
July 23-August 22

**MONSIEUR**  
November 22-December 21

Unpopular decisions put you in the middle. Be diplomatic, but make sure you take the important steps that need to be made. Include some quiet time in your schedule.

Clear the air before small disagreements grow into big ones. Your performance impresses someone you admire. Step out with friends or family to recharge your batteries.

Much that has occurred behind the scenes moves out in front. You could be in for a pleasant surprise. Keep an open mind and be willing to learn from an unexpected source.

It might be a good time to take a back seat and spend time recharging your batteries. Lessons from the past come in handy for the future. You receive good financial news!

An important decision requires the most up-to-date information you can get. Someone behind the scenes has your interest at heart. Remember that special someone.

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People want to hear your views and you have an opportunity to express yourself. Respect others' feelings but get your points across. Take care of your exercise goals.

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**3. Employment**

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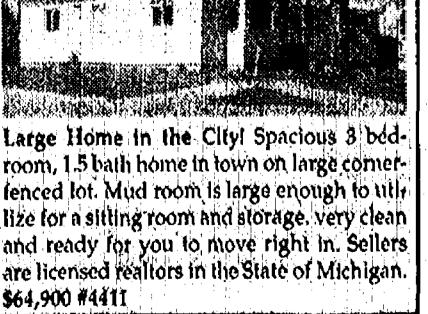
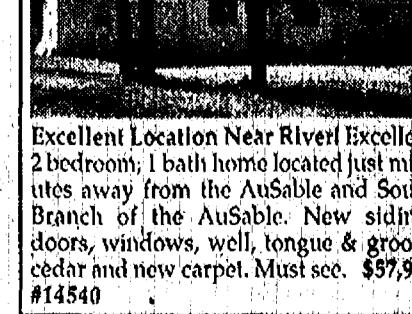
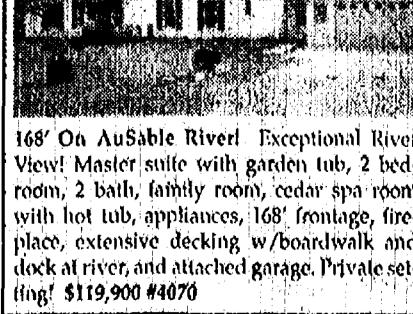
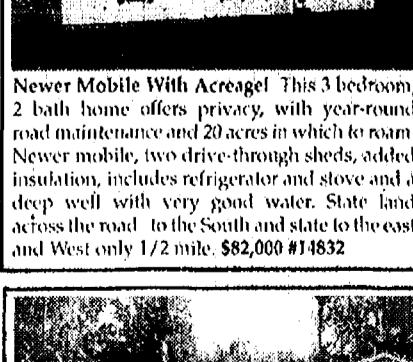
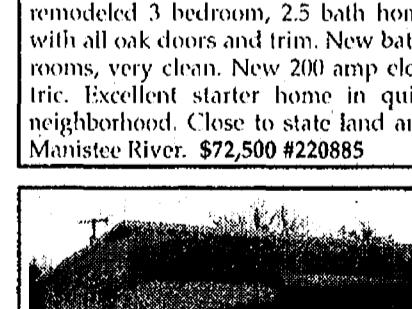
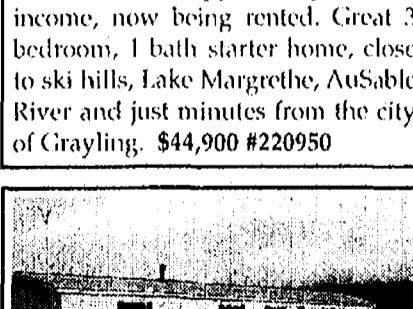
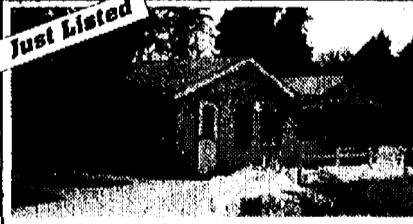
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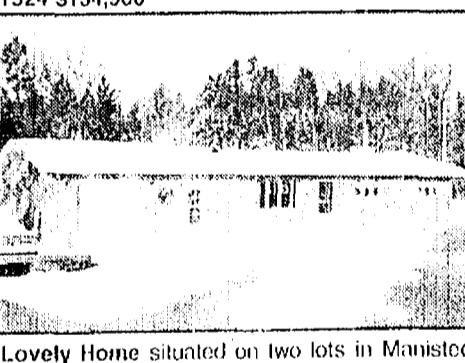
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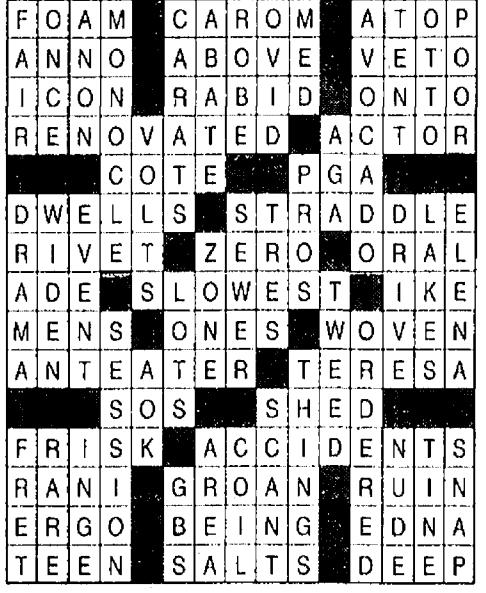
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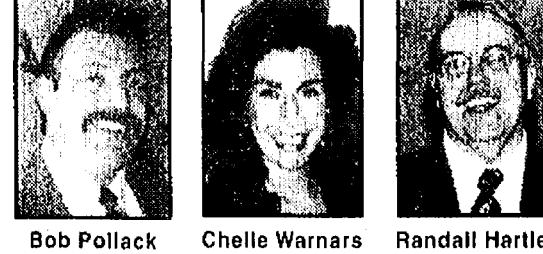
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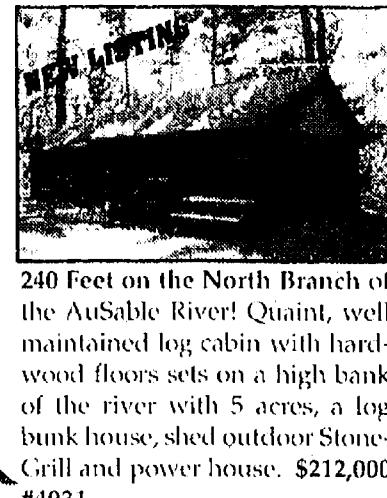
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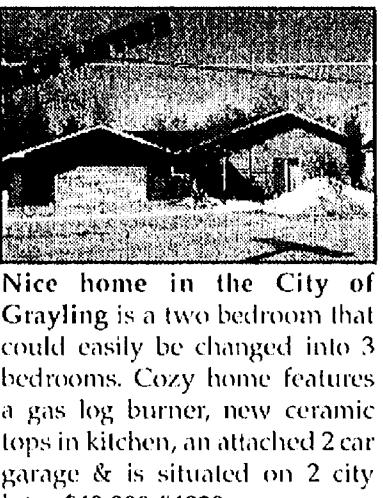
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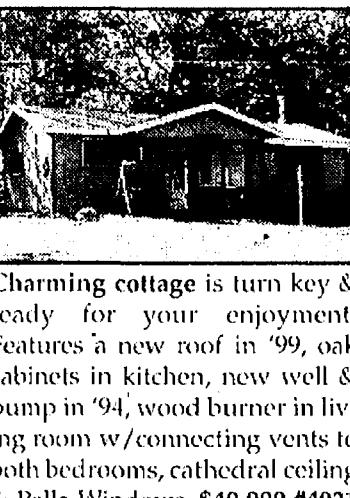
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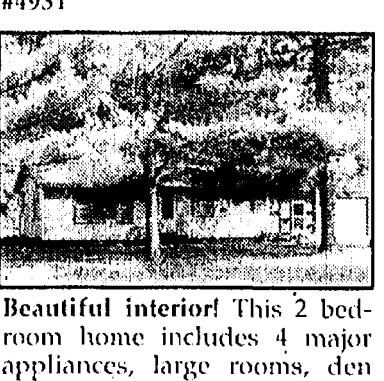
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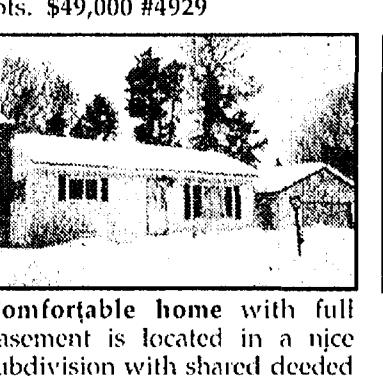
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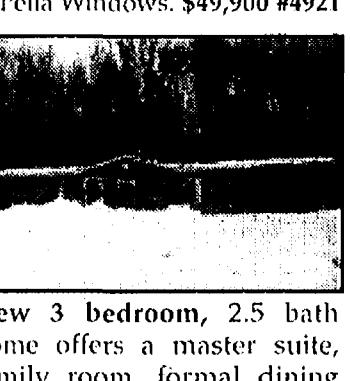
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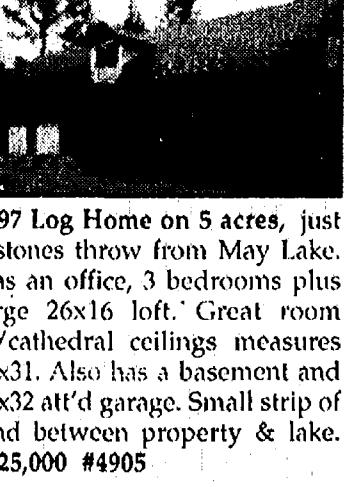


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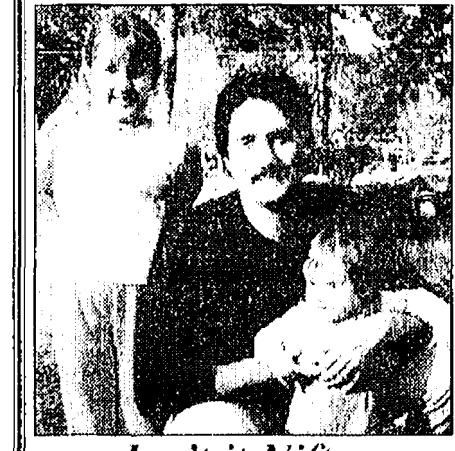
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## Kirtland launches first annual 'Campaign for Excellence'

► Goal is to raise over \$300,000 to "elevate quality of education" offered

The Kirtland Community College Foundation is launching its first-annual "Campaign for Excellence," designed to raise funds that will help elevate the quality of education the college offers its community. Target: \$300,000.

"The purpose of the campaign is to enhance the educational experi-

ence of the students attending Kirtland," campaign chairman Rug Dozzi said. "I think the 'Campaign for Excellence' will help provide some of the extras for students that will not only enhance their education, but level the playing field when our students enter the job market."

Carole Kuehn, a member of the Foundation board and the college's board of trustees, and Jan Farmer, who also serves on the college board, will serve as vice chairs during the campaign, which gets underway on May 7.

Dozzi emphasized that contributions to supplement services and equipment already provided by local tax dollars, state assistance, and tuition and fees also will be of benefit to the entire region served by Kirtland.

The money raised by contributions will be used for the following:

Arts: Synthesizer keyboard, \$3,000; Source 4 Lighting Instruments, \$3,600; Metal Work Lab, \$5,500; Wall covering & hanging system, \$11,000; Athletics: Uniforms, etc. \$8,000; Facilities: Electronic Marquee, \$25,000;

Health: Defibrillators, \$10,000; Science: Astronomy Observatory, \$37,000; Technology: 3-D Prototyping Machine, \$60,000; Scholarships: \$50,000 (five \$10,000 endowed); Automotive; Cosmetology/Salon Management; Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Corrections; Manufacturing Process/Technology, CAD/Welding; Office Information Systems, Business/Marketing; Or donations to a generic scholarship fund; General: General Enhancements, \$25,000; Total: \$300,100

Contributions can be designated toward a specific enhancement. If not all funds are raised to purchase a specific enhancement this year, they will be carried over until enough contributions are received to purchase that enhancement. A general contribution to the campaign can also be made, if desired, Dozzi said.

For more information, contact Dozzi at (989) 275-5000, ext. 425, or e-mail him at [dozzi@kirtland.edu](mailto:dozzi@kirtland.edu).

## US-23 bridges under repair

Motorists using US-23 in Genesee County should be aware that the Michigan Department of Transportation is currently working on a \$6 million bridge repair and reconstruction project from April until the estimated completion date of July 1.

The project consists of repair to six bridges beginning at Hill Road over I-75 and including deck overlay, bridge rehabilitation and bridge painting on southbound US-23 over the Silver Lake Road (and Grand Trunk Western Railroad and North Road); the same work will be performed on southbound US-23 over Swartz Creek in Mundy Township.

The project also includes the M-54 Business Route (Saginaw Street) bridge over Thread Creek in Flint. Work will begin starting in mid-April.

In July, after the southbound bridges are completed, the northbound US-23 bridges will be improved. After Labor Day, southbound I-75 over northbound US-23 will be improved. Southbound I-75 will be detoured for this work.

During construction, at least one lane of traffic will be open along southbound US-23 at all times. No closures will be allowed on northbound US-23 during this period. The entrance and exit ramps from Silver Lake Road to southbound US-23 may be closed for short periods during construction.

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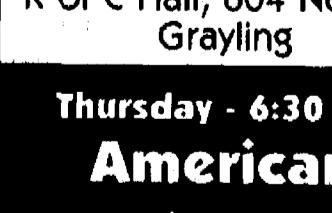
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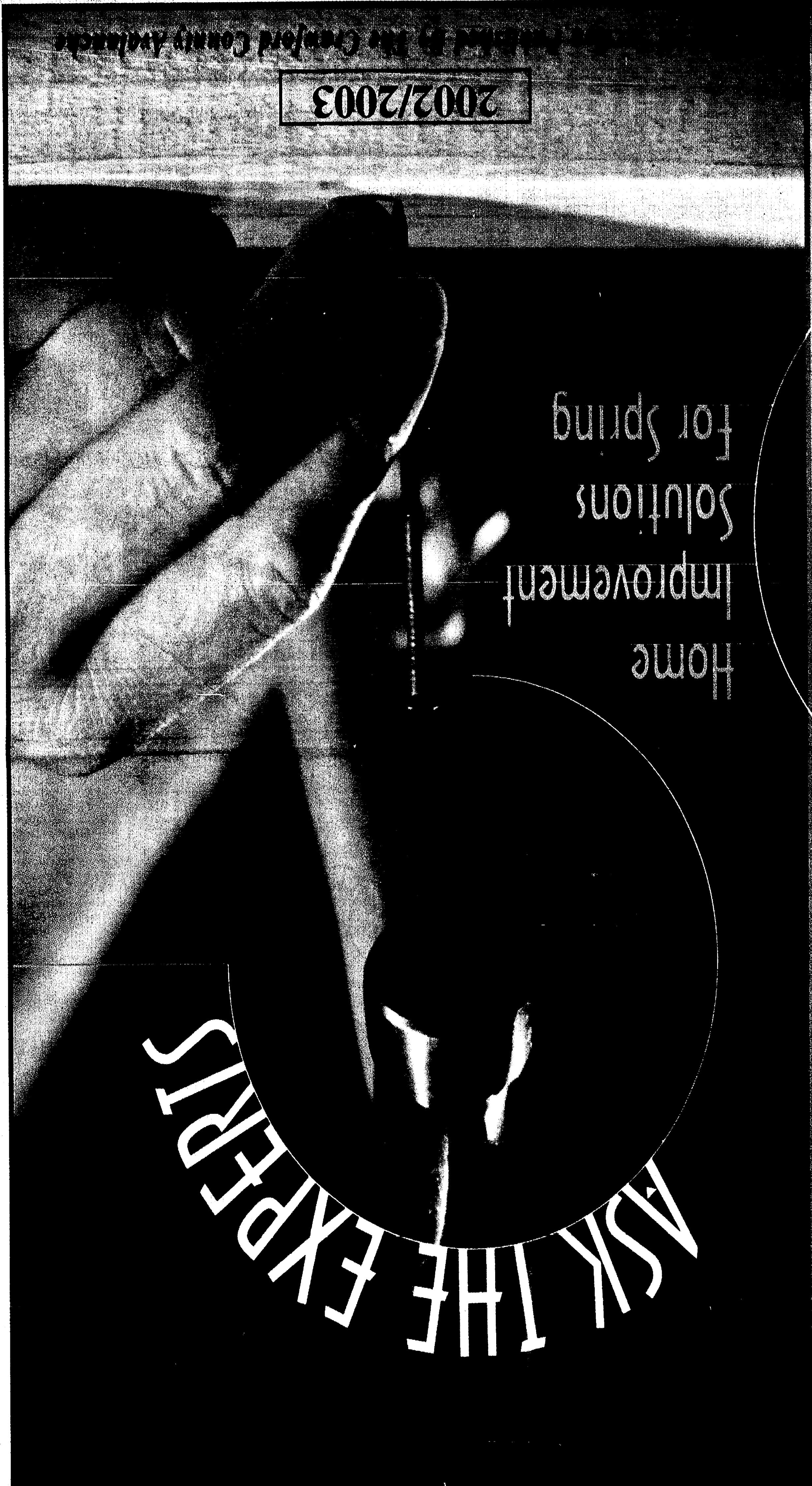
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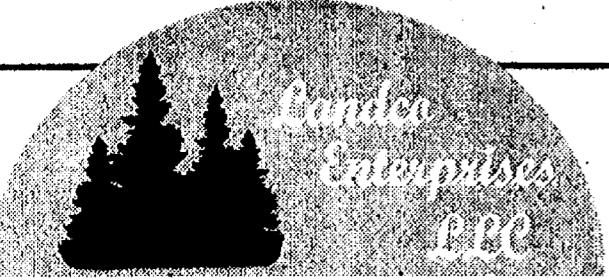
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Because of the magnitude of such a project, many homeowners may be hesitant to commit to such a dramatic transformation, but those who do get a big pay-

off — a "new" house without the hassle of moving. A brick face-lift can't make a bungalow into a castle, but it can add classic charm and style to an ordinary wood, vinyl or synthetic stucco home.

Brick re-siding or retrofitting isn't new — it's been done for years — but today's low-interest home improvement loans make it especially attractive to those looking for a new look for an old house.

Of course, buying a new brick home is always a good investment, but if you are not interested in moving because of schools, neighbors or even sentimental value, re-siding with brick is a great alternative to buying a new home. In addition to the aesthetic appeal of brick, you can expect the following bottom-line benefits, which virtually pay for the re-siding project:

- 35% energy savings when brick veneer is added to a wall (Construction Technology Laboratories, Skokie, Illinois)

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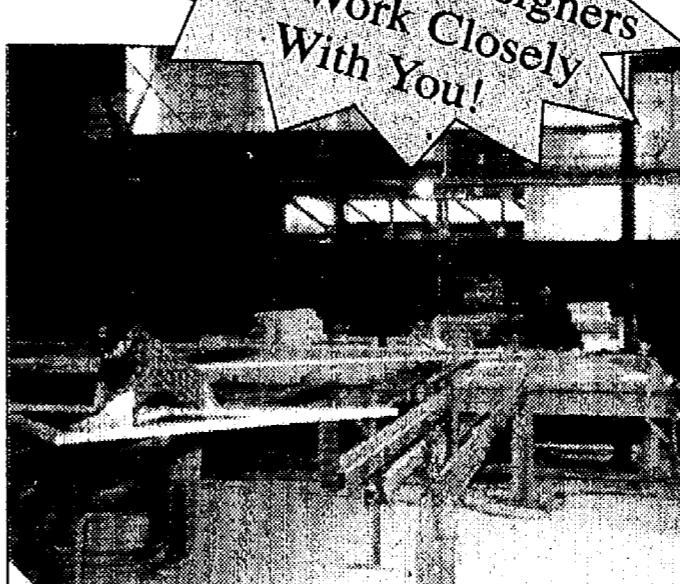
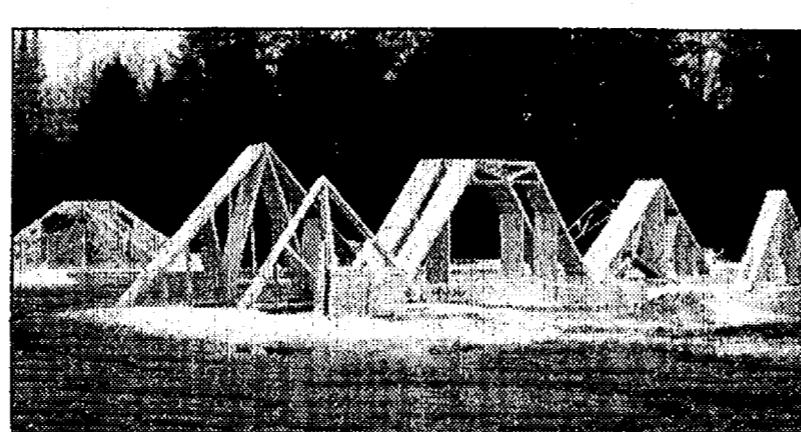
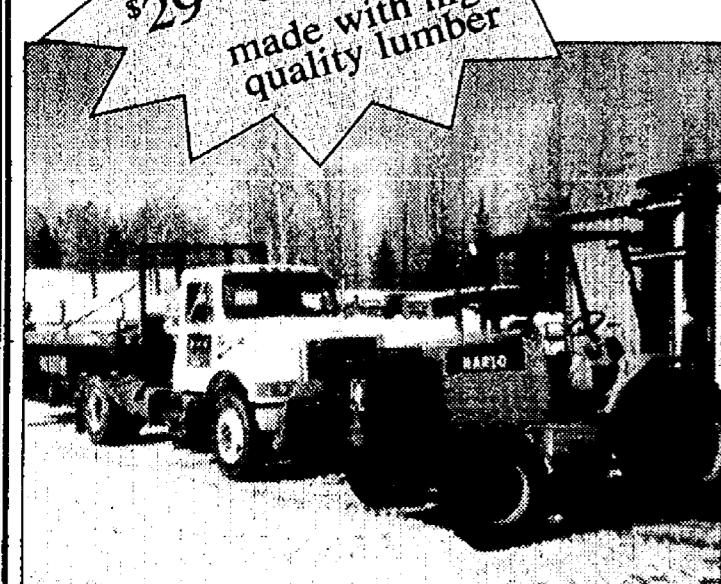
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## Well Water Should be Tested Periodically

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Where the well is in relation to other features on a property, can determine potential pollution risks. Septic system drainage fields, barns, garages or storage sheds containing chemicals should be at least fifty feet from any well. A well should be uphill from pollution sources and out of the path of storm water. Soil and bedrock types and the distance to the water table also affect the well's risk of potential contamination.

Improperly constructed or poorly maintained wells can create a pathway that allows fertilizers, bacteria, pesticides, or other toxins to contaminate the water supply by reaching the water table without filtering through the soil. Once contaminants have reached the groundwater, they can flow from property to property, contaminating many wells. This is why well water should be tested yearly for bacteria and nitrates. If the well has high nitrate levels, which are dangerous for infants and pregnant women, a test for pesticides should be done.

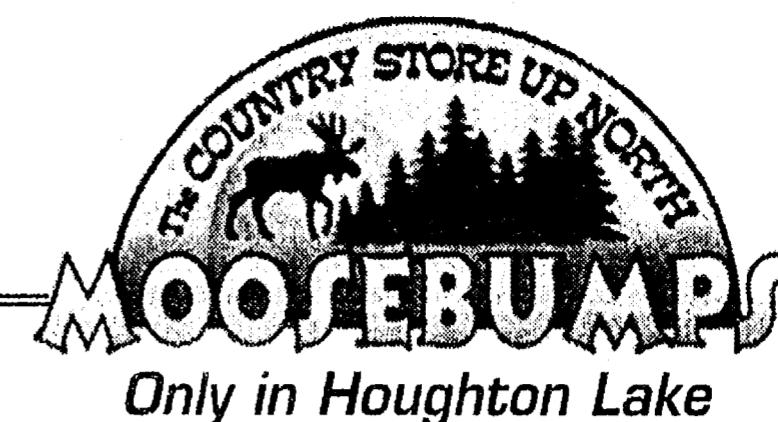
Any unused or abandoned wells on the property must be properly sealed because they are direct channels for pollutants from the surface to the water table. The only parties that are legally allowed to seal an abandoned well are licensed well drillers or the property owner. The Michigan Groundwater

Stewardship Program (MGSP) through cost-share money can financially assist property owners in agriculturally zoned areas in closing their wells.

The MGSP has information about drinking well water management and water testing. Celeste Jacques, MGSP's AmeriCorps member for Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Roscommon and Crawford counties is available to answer questions regarding wells and how activities in the area may be affecting the quality of our drinking water. Please contact Jacques in the Iosco County MSU Extension office at (989) 984-1065 for more information, to schedule a one-

on-one in-home assessment, or to arrange a presentation for a group or organization.

A Home\*A\*Syst and Farm\*A\*Syst are in-depth risk assessments used to evaluate home and property for potential pollution and health risks. These booklets allow for easy, step-by-step evaluation through a series of worksheets covering topics from Farm\*A\*Syst subjects such as fertilizer/pesticide storage, soils and geology, and silage to Home\*A\*Syst concerns of yard and garden care, household trash and hazardous product management, and well water quality. All consultations are free and confidential.



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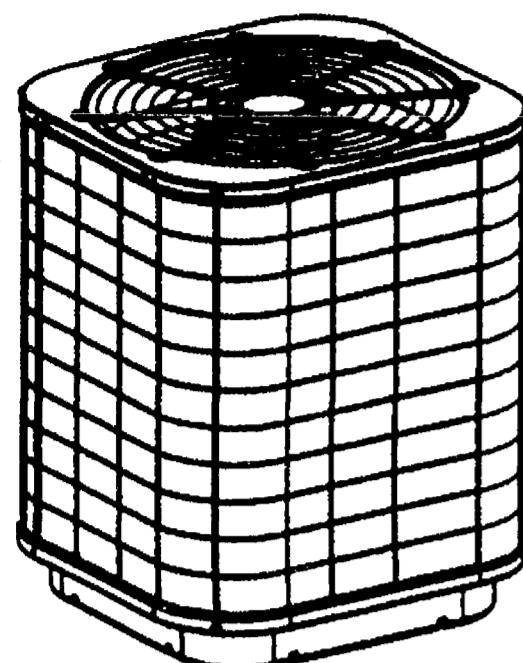
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## Cut Summer Energy Costs Up To 25% With Sun Control Window Film

### An Affordable and Immediate Way to Beat the Heat

(IHIT)-During the summer, heat invades homes. In 2001, energy costs doubled in many communities. Very few utility companies lowered their rates when energy became more plentiful in late 2001. The question in 2002 is not where to find the energy, but where to find the money to pay the utility bills.

Many homeowners are not aware that the heat pouring through their windows is responsible for an average of 15%-20% of their average summer cooling bills. In Sunbelt states, the average can be much higher. The sun's heat gain puts such a load on air conditioners that they keep running all the

time. As energy rates remain high or climb further, everyone needs a more affordable and more immediate way to beat the heat.

The biggest problem in the home is the window

Start cutting home energy costs at the windows, especially those facing south and west. For people who live in Florida, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, and California, excessive sun heat coming in the windows means a lot of cash going out to utility companies. According to Jack Haenichen, senior technical adviser for the Arizona commerce department's energy office, "40 percent of a house's heat is a result of its window space and approximately 50 percent of a utility bill can be attributed to them."

A cost-effective solution is sun control window film

James Dulley, author of The Sensible Home, writes that "Window film is your best solution to block heat and fading, especially if you are on a limited budget. The new summer/winter films save energy year-round." In his syndicated "Utility Bill Updates," Dulley recommends metallized polyester films that reflect summer heat outside and help retain radiant heating in winter, much the same way high-tech insulated windows do,

only at a tiny fraction of the cost for new windows.

Potential savings are significant

The most energy efficient insulating films reflect up to 70% of the sun's energy outside. They significantly reduce heat gain, improve comfort, and reduce air conditioning bills. On an average 2000 sq. ft. home, a heat control window film applied to all the windows can reduce summer utility bills up to 25%. In western states like California, Arizona, and Nevada, savings can be more. The difference is immediate, the payback can be seen in less than a year, and these films work up to ten years. After that, replacement is quick and easy, and the savings begin again. Actual benefits depend upon window age, type, exposure, and climate.

Sun control window films offer homeowners five levels of savings. According to John Pinkerton of GILA Window Films, "These consumer-friendly films reduce utility bills and improve comfort. They are readily available at home centers like Home Depot and Lowe's. They cost less than a dollar per square foot. They are designed for relatively easy do-it-yourself application. And they improve existing windows."

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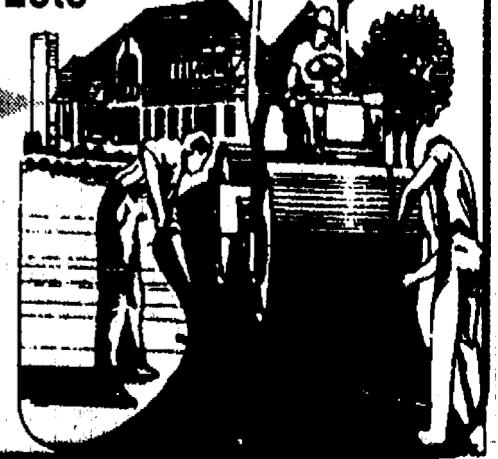
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# Brick Face-Lift Adds...

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- 32% decrease in fire insurance rates (Brick Home Building, Vol. 1, No. 2, Reston, Virginia)
- 5% to 10% increase in resale value — based on a study that showed brick homes commanded an average 6% higher resale price than non-brick homes in the same neighborhood (independent appraisers, Marshall & Swift, Tidewater, Virginia).

If done properly, it will be hard to imagine that the "new" brick house was ever anything but a brick home. From an engineering standpoint, however, the transformation requires a well thought-out plan. A masonry contractor experienced in remodeling projects is key to the success of the project.

In addition to laying the brick, the masonry contractor will decide how to support and anchor the brick, what materials to use and how to detail the brick around the openings. As the main contractor on the job, the masonry contractor may coordinate with the necessary subs to complete the job (i.e., plumbers to extend spigots through the new wall and electricians to install extension rings and wiring on existing electrical boxes).

Technical considerations you will want to discuss with your masonry contractor include:

- Adequate support (shelf angle bolted to existing foundation or added width to concrete foundation)
- Quality materials
- Proper attachment to a sturdy, well-braced backing
- Proper construction techniques (flashing, weep holes, etc.)
- Finishing details (framing around openings and trim at the

top)

Most often, new brick veneer is applied over existing siding, usually wood-frame construction; however, if the old siding is in poor condition or uneven, it must be removed. Removal of existing siding adds to the expense of a resurfacing project, but it is one part of the process most do-it-yourselfers can tackle as a cost-saving measure. Visit the Brick Industry Association web site, [www.brickinfo.org](http://www.brickinfo.org) and go to Technical Notes 28A for details on the process.

Once you have decided to make the transformation, you can move on to the fun part — deciding what look you'd like to create with the brick on your home. With over 10,000 different styles and colors of brick available, home design possibilities are infinite. You can achieve a traditional, Old World style with antique molded brick in colors that range from deep red to charcoal and chocolate or go for a Mediterranean-inspired monolithic look with light-colored matching brick and mortar. Regardless of the color or style of brick you choose, be sure to discuss mortar colors with your masonry contractor. Because it makes up 20% of a wall, the mortar can have a dramatic impact on the overall look of your home.

Finally, be realistic and consistent with the style you choose to create. Because you are working with an existing house, not starting from scratch, let the "bones" of your house help you determine the style that's right for your particular home.

For additional curb appeal, you can add architectural details to accentuate the new image of your

home. For example, craftsman-style sconces can be added at your entry to play up the 1940s era bungalow style that's currently surging in popularity. Door knockers, house numbers, mailboxes and fencing can all be used to enhance your home's new look, and most are simple do-it-yourself weekend projects.

You can also consider more dramatic architectural elements like arches over openings, quoins, planters, a porch or porte cochere created with your new brick. Brick pavers on a patio, walkway or driveway further unify the look — with mortarless installation, another do-it-yourself job. Both face brick and paving brick can be purchased from local brick distributors. You can find one near you in the Yellow Pages or by visiting the Brick Industry Association's web site at [www.brickinfo.org](http://www.brickinfo.org).

### Three Easy Steps To A "New" Brick House

1. Your professional masonry contractor excavates a small trench around the perimeter of your home to expose the existing foundation. If necessary, your home's siding can be removed to facilitate installing insulation.

2. "Shelf" footing, on which your new brick veneer will rest, is installed. In just a day or two, depending on the area to be covered, your home is ready for the brick veneer.

3. The required amount of brick is delivered in the color and texture you've chosen (there are more than 10,000 available). Your masonry contractor installs the brick according to plan. Installation of the brick itself typically requires only a day and a half to two days.

## Cut Summer Energy Costs...

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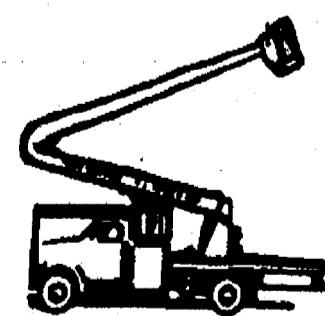
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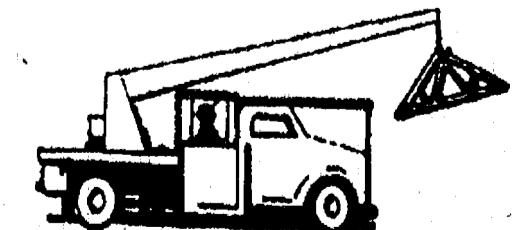
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# Early Inspection Is Key To A Healthy Lawn And Landscape

### Tips for a Better Lawn and Landscape This Spring

(IHIT)-The thermometer may say otherwise, but when the snow has melted, it's time to start thinking about reviving your lawn and landscape. Regardless of the amount of cleanup you did last fall, there is more to do to get everything ready for the growing season. The experts at Spring-Green Lawn Care, a Plainfield, Ill.-based franchise company, recommend an early inspection of your lawn and plants as the weather begins to warm.

No matter how well you prepared for winter, there will always be work to do in the spring.

"Many people think that raking leaves and covering roses in the fall is all that has to be done to insure that a healthy lawn and landscape returns when the weather warms," says Harold Enger, Spring-Green's assistant director of franchise support. "First time homeowners tend to think this is all it takes, but, boy, come spring they are in for a surprise."

Enger, along with over 55 Spring-Green owners across the country, offer the following tips for preparing your lawn and landscape for the coming season:

The first thing you should do is take a walk around your lawn and take a quick survey of the effects the winter had on your property. If you have a dog,

you may have to clean up their winter 'activity.' There is no quick cure for dog damage except lots of water to wash the salts from the urine into the soil. In most cases, the grass will recover. If the damage is severe, resodding or reseeding of the areas may be necessary.

Check your grass for matted or dead patches that could indicate winter related damage, such as Snow Mold or Spring Dead Spot. Snow Mold 'glues' the grass blades together, which may inhibit the new grass from growing through the mat. Spring Dead Spot may be the result of excessive cold temperatures or strong, drying winds.

A light raking to break up the matted grass and reseeding, if necessary, will remedy this situation. If the grass was left too long last fall, then mow it shorter than normal. This will remove much of the 'dead' grass from last year's growth and allow the new growth to come through easier. A light raking of the entire lawn is also beneficial. This is especially true if there are leaves still scattered across the lawn. Be careful if the ground is wet when you are raking. Vigorous raking on wet turf can uproot the grass plants.

Keep up a regular feeding program and control weeds, insects and diseases as necessary. Consider hiring a professional lawn care service. Typically, a lawn care service provides fertilization, weed control and other professional practices to achieve

a quality turf.

Check your woody landscape plants for injury – particularly the evergreens. Do not be too alarmed if you do not see new growth. Wait until the buds have opened before removing any branches, unless they are broken. Take the same 'wait and see' approach with perennial plants. Remove any mulch that was placed there to protect them. Some plants take a longer time to come out of winter dormancy than others do. If scale insects or tent caterpillars bothered your landscape plants last year, then you should consider spraying with dormant oil before the buds open. This material will smother the egg cases or over-wintering adults.

Do not uncover your roses until the danger of a heavy frost is over. When you do uncover them, clean away any soil or other organic material that was used to 'heal them in' for the winter. This material can carry disease spores that can infect your plants. While the plants are still dormant, you can improve their health and vigor with some selective pruning. Remove any dead, blackened, or damaged wood.

Prune the canes down to healthy wood, just before a leaf bud. Remove any branches that may be crossing, that are twiggy, or are growing out of the side of a cane. Remove old canes at the bud union and leave 3 to 5 good ones that are evenly distributed. Delay mulching around the plants, as this will keep the soil cold and delay the growth of the bushes.

Spring is nature's time of rebirth and reawakening from a long winter's nap. Spend time inspecting your lawn and landscape as the weather begins to warm-up and it will be healthier and more vigorous throughout the rest of the year.



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# How To Make Your Home A 'Prettiest Painted Place'

## Step by Step Tips on How to Do A Quality Paint Job

(IHIT)—What is it that makes one place prettier than another? Is it the architecture? The setting? The landscaping? All are important. But one characteristic recently set apart nine U.S. communities, winners of the Paint Quality Institute's Prettiest Painted Places in America competition. And the good news is that it is one of the easiest features to duplicate.

That attribute is beautiful paint, according to the Paint Quality Institute, a leading authority on paint and sponsor of the Prettiest Painted Places in America competition. The nine winners all used top quality exterior paint to set their communities apart from more than 120 other nominees in the competition. The winners — Cape May, NJ; Warrenton, VA; Norwich, CT; Lake Charles, LA; Decorah, IA; Marshall, MI; Telluride, CO; Exeter, CA; and Eureka, CA — varied in architecture and color schemes. But all have an abundance of nicely painted homes and commercial structures that set a good example for other neighborhoods — and individual home and building owners.

If you want to follow the example set by these communities, here is some advice on creating your own "prettiest painted place":

First, decide on a color scheme. Take a look at your house and others nearby. Is it a classic Victorian? If so, consider using three or more colors to really show off its architectural highlights. A more traditional Colonial? Choose muted earthy colors, or a fresh-looking, bright white. Consult a salesperson at your favorite paint or hardware store, decorating center or home center for advice, or visit the PQI Web site for ideas.

Once you have settled on a color scheme, you're ready to take the first steps toward your new paint job.

Before painting, be sure to adequately prepare the surface. Scrape, sand or use a wire brush to remove loose, flaking or peeling



**What is it that makes one place prettier than another? One characteristic — paint — recently set apart nine U.S. communities, winners of the Paint Quality Institute's Prettiest Painted Places in America competition.**

ing paint. Spot-prime bare wood and sand glossy areas. Make sure the surface is clean, sound and free of dirt. Power washing with plain water is the most effective way to rid large exterior surfaces of dirt and chalk, but you can also use soapy water and a scrub brush to clean your home's exterior. If you see mildew, remove it with a solution of three parts water and one part household bleach. Wear rubber gloves and eye protection. After using any cleaning solution on your home, rinse it with clean water.

Next, be sure to purchase the right paint for the job. Don't skimp on quality — the better grades of paint may be more costly, but they are also the better value. In most cases, your best bet is a top quality 100% acrylic latex exterior paint. These paints are more durable and last longer than ordinary paint, often up to 10 years or more. That's because top quality paint has superior adhesion, making it less likely to blister, flake or peel on a properly prepared surface.

There are a few instances when latex paint is not the best choice. If you're painting over more than three or four coats of old, oil-based paint, then another coat of oil-based paint is recommended. Also, oil-based paints adhere better to surfaces that are very chalky.

When applying the paint, use top quality tools. Good brushes and rollers are easier to use and help make the job go faster than economy tools. Top quality tools also apply a thicker, more uniform coat of paint that will look

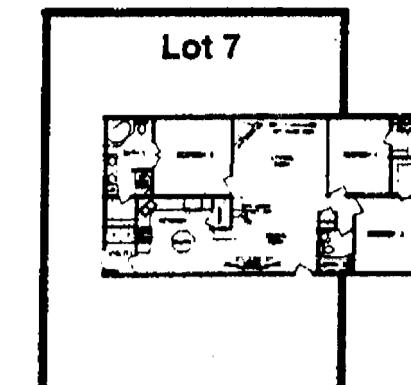
better and be less likely to fail prematurely. If you're using latex paint, brushes and rollers made of synthetic materials, such as nylon or polyester bristles, are the best choice. They hold their shape and maintain the proper stiffness regardless of how much water they are exposed to. When working with oil-based paints, brushes or rollers made of natural or synthetic material work well.

The final consideration when doing exterior painting is the weather. Ideal conditions are temperatures between 60 and 85 F, when there is little or no wind. It's best to avoid painting in direct sunshine, because intense heat can cause the water in a latex paint to quickly evaporate before the paint binder particles can completely form into a continuous, durable film. Consult the label on the paint container for more specific instructions.

If you still have paint-related questions, visit the Paint Quality Institute Web site at [www.paintquality.com](http://www.paintquality.com)

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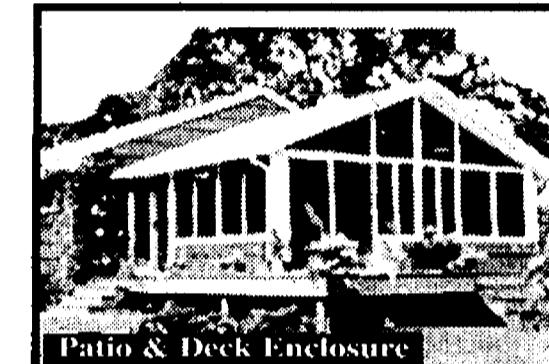
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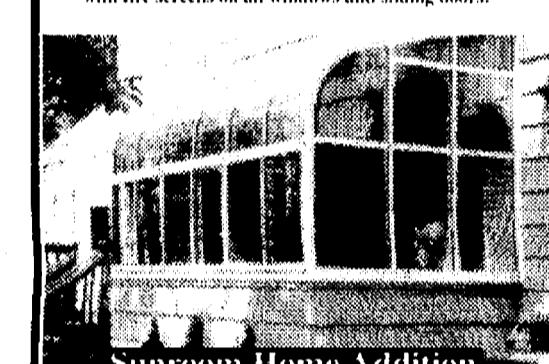
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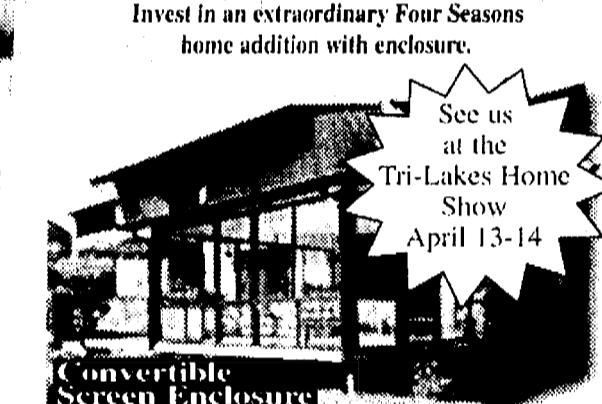
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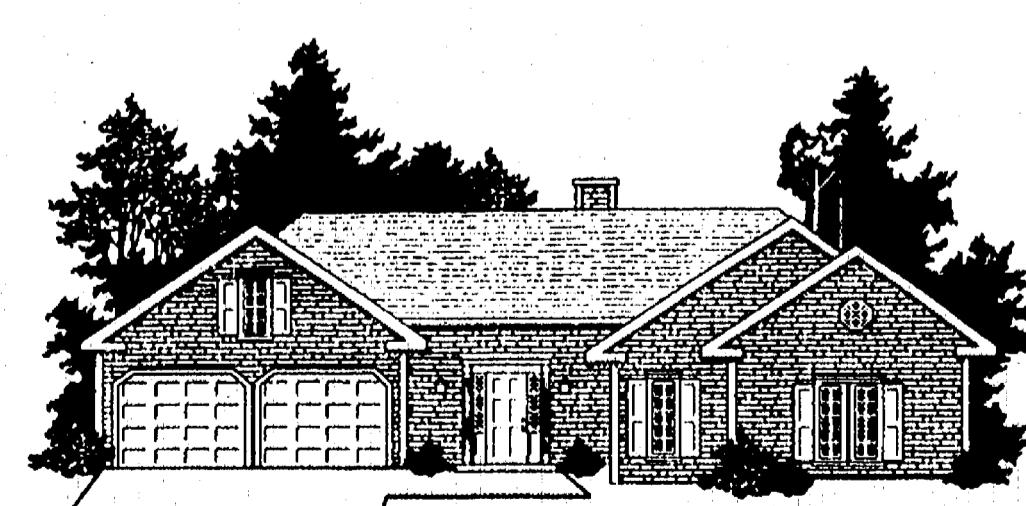
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# Protecting Your Electronics From Power Surges

## Even Minor Surges Can Cause Malfunctions

(IHIT)-Lightning strikes to homes or nearby locations are the most common cause of damage to computers and other electronic equipment. Even minor surges

can cause a malfunction which requires the device to be reset. The right type of surge protection can reduce your chances of loss. But a well-designed system requires an understanding of the equipment, and protection at each level.

Beginning at the site of the utility service entrance, a light-

ning arrester should be installed. This helps reduce the highest level of power surges caused by lightning (although nothing can save your electronics if it's a direct strike to your building). Continue this protection for lower level surges at each of the building's sub-panels, individual circuits, and outlets that serve delicate equipment. Each level of protection is designed to remove a portion of the surge not eliminated by the preceding level.

The last level of protection is provided at the individual device. This is where the lowest level of harmful disturbances will be filtered out. Providing protection only at the circuit level or electrical outlet is not sufficient to guard against high-energy surges that cause permanent damage.

Balance your investment in protection with the degree of loss you might face if a sensitive electronic device goes down. If your business relies heavily on computers or other microprocessors, the best bet is to provide protection at all levels.

Experts recommend that the following components be included in any surge protection system:

- Lightning arrester on main service entrance or pole;
- Low resistance grounding that is interconnected in a solid network;
- Surge arrester in the building service panel;
- Secondary arrester at the individual circuit to which the electronic device is attached.

To learn more, contact your electric power supplier, equipment manufacturer, or an experienced electrician. Remember, no amount of surge protection will guarantee absolute reliability. But with an understanding of the causes of power quality problems and the components needed in a well-designed protection system, you can avoid a costly loss in equipment and income.

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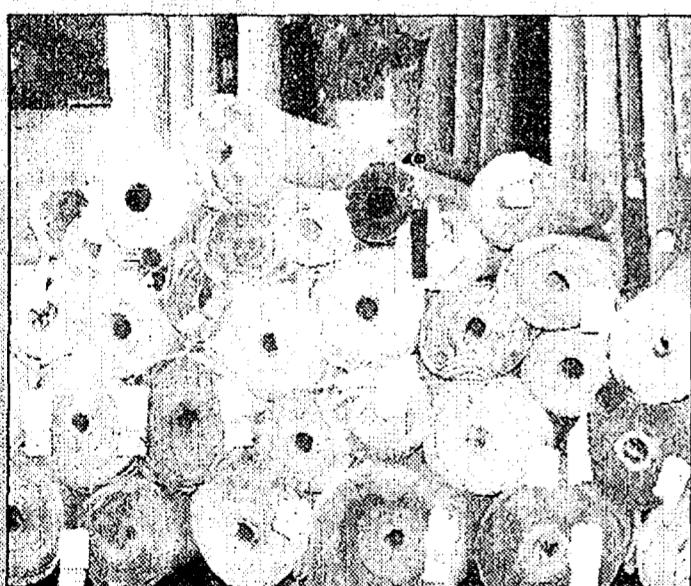
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# Beyond The Brick Path: Custom Looks From Clay Pavers

**Residential Use of Clay Pavers is a New Trend in Landscaping**

(IHIT) Typically associated with traditional, formal landscaping and scenic drives through the many historic districts of our nation, clay paving brick is, increasingly, the choice of homeowners looking to add a bit of timeless beauty to their landscapes. While century-old brick streets are still in use in towns across America, the residential use of genuine clay pavers is an exciting new trend in landscaping for new construction and existing homes. Homeowners are realizing that brick pavers are at home in any setting. Today, brick pavers are being used to create hardscapes — driveways, walkways, patios, porches and more — for a wide spectrum of homes, from palatial to cozy and from ultra-modern to traditional.

The variety of textures, colors, patterns and applications of pavers make it possible for homeowners to transform almost any landscape from the ordinary into the extraordinary. And, like traditional "face brick," their installation is more art than science, resulting in endless design possibilities for masons, architects and creative do-it-yourselfers. So what's really hot in the paving world today and why do genuine clay pavers continue to rise in popularity?

#### Types of Clay Pavers

Genuine clay pavers come in several different shapes and sizes, allowing the consumer more freedom in designing a specialized look. Each type of paver has its unique strengths and characteristics, making some more suitable for a specific project than others. Major paver categories include:

- Relieved edge pavers (4" x 8" or 8" x 8"): With beveled or rounded edges, these rectangular or square pavers are ideal for mortarless, sand-set installation and often include spacer nibs. They are tough enough for driveways, but also popular for



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non-vehicular applications.

- Traditional edge pavers (4" x 8"): Ranging in thickness from standard 2-1/4 down to a 1-1/4 thin variety, these rectangular-shaped, square-edge pavers are the most economical and thus, most commonly used paver for residential landscaping. Often used for patios and garden pathways, traditional edge pavers are easily laid in a variety of interesting patterns.

- Molded pavers (4" x 8"): The paver industry's premium product, these popular antique-look pavers are made individually, using a traditional wood-mold process. There are also less expensive varieties which achieve their Old World look through a tumbling process either before or after firing. The slight irregularities in the shape of these brick add to their charm and make them well suited for simple patterns like running bond.

#### Texture & Color

Like face brick, clay pavers come in a multitude of colors and textures, and because the color in a clay paver is "through and through," clay pavers never fade the way concrete pavers do.

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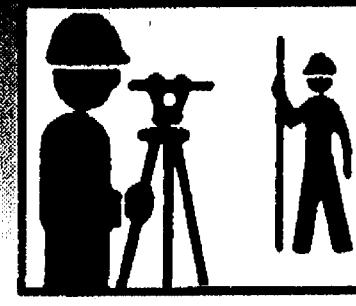
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**Color:** Color combinations range from the softest buff to the darkest charcoal, most mirroring a rich palette derived from clay's natural earth tones. Many manufacturers produce palettes of more than 50 colors.

Pavers not only come in a variety of colors, but also in a variety of blended colors. One of the most popular blends is full-range flashed red which includes numerous shades of red accented with charcoals and browns and different shades of red and is offered by most manufacturers.

**Texture:** Textures impact the appearance of the finished project, playing just as important of a role as color. "Extruded pavers, known for their regularity, provide for a more precise, clean and smooth appearance," according to Tom Perry, Vice President of Marketing for the Brick Industry Association. However, he advises homeowners to also "consider molded pavers, which take on a charmingly irregular texture, for designs inclined toward the rustic or antique."

#### Design and Installation

To mortar or not to mortar? That is the question. The answer, according to Pine Hall Brick's Paver Business Director Ted Corvey, is one of the biggest misconceptions about clay pavers. "While most people think the clay pavers have to be laid on a concrete base with mortar, the reality is quite different. In fact, 90 percent of clay pavers are laid using mortarless sand systems," says Corvey.

After choosing the color, shape, size and texture of the paver, pattern options provide further room for a unique por-

trayal through design. The more precisely cut the brick, and hence the more regular, the easier it is to lay more complex patterns.

Many pattern options already exist, but basically, the pattern can deviate from the standard and conform to anything the designer desires. Those who like some guidance can choose from the tried and true patterns listed below:

- Basket Weave and Variations
- Stack Bond and Variations
- Herringbone
- Running Bond and Variations

#### Tools for Do-It-Yourselfers

It is also worth mentioning that paver manufacturers offer a variety of tools which simplify the installation process. These tools and products are worth looking into, especially if the job is being completed by a do-it-yourselfer.

One such product is a versatile edging which can be rigid or flexible, resists frost, rust, warp and deterioration. It adapts to either small or large projects and can be installed before or after the pavers are installed. Other tools include a layout square, a paver splitter, and gloves designed for handling pavers.

One tool no do-it-yourselfer should be without is BIA's handy brochure entitled "Seven Easy Steps to Installing Your Own Walkway, Driveway and Patio Without Mortar or Concrete." A web version of BIA's brochure can be found at <http://www.brickinfo.org/pdfs/7steps.pdf>

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

Still not ready to transform your landscape with brick? The design advantages are clear, but other more practical benefits

should be considered as well.

- Clay pavers provide more strength than regular concrete surfaces. Endurance capabilities will keep your brick standing the test of time, a claim supported by the fact that there are thousands of brick streets still intact after hundreds, and in some cases, thousands, of years. They are also much less likely to crack than concrete surfaces.

- Aesthetically, pavers add instant curb appeal to any property, a factor which translates into increased resale value when it's time to sell your home.

- Genuine clay pavers come from the earth, representing a fusion of the primal elements of clay, water and fire. There is no greener choice for the environmentally minded consumer.

- Comprised of solid clay, genuine clay pavers feature natural color, through and through. Unlike concrete aggregate pavers, they will never fade in color and will actually age well, like a good wine.

Interested in bringing a natural harmony to landscape design? Created from the earth itself, clay pavers are the perfect choice. From precise modernity to soft cobblestoned antique, a sweeping palette of colors and a myriad of patterns, applied with or without mortar, give homeowners and designers the ability to express themselves with endless possibilities.

Genuine clay brick pavers are the perfect material to ensure that the landscape you create today will be the one that's there tomorrow.

For more information on brick pavers or to find a showroom near you, visit the Brick Industry Association at [www.brickinfo.org](http://www.brickinfo.org) or look for a distributor in your local Yellow Pages.

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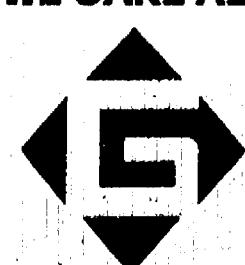
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## Remodeling is a Cost Effective Way to Improve a Home Without the Hassle of Moving

(ARA) — Homeowners today see their homes as a sanctuary from the hectic pace of their lives. Many have raised children or grandchildren in these homes and enjoy the history and personality their house provides. For these homeowners, remodeling is a cost-effective way to improve their home without the hassle of moving.

Remodeling a home has many benefits. The homeowner can stay in the home and keep their cherished memories, while the home is transformed to fit current needs. The inconvenience of packing and moving is eliminated. The value of the home usually increases, which will ensure a higher resale value if a move ever arises.

An excellent place to begin remodeling your home is on

the exterior. The outside of a home gives the first impression. A clean, well-kept exterior suggests a home that has been taken care of and invested in. A great way to achieve this look is to have new siding professionally installed.

When investing in siding, it is important to compare companies and ask questions; talk with other homeowners who have had their homes sided by these companies; and, most importantly, compare what the siding is made of and how it is applied.

Most home siding is constructed of either steel or vinyl. Steel siding is the most durable. If you live in a climate where the temperature varies significantly during the year, durability is even more important. Steel siding will not warp, rot or chip in hot and cold temperatures like vinyl can, and is more resistant to wind. The strength of steel keeps it held snug to the home.

Lighter vinyl can be lifted and torn away from the home, leaving the homeowner to clean up and repair the damage.

How the siding is applied is also very important. Some siding comes in standard 12-foot lengths, which can leave your home with visible seams. Moisture and bugs can get behind these seams and could cause mold and loss of energy. Some companies can manufacture and install their siding to fit any size.

ABC Seamless Siding, for example, brings the siding factory to your home. Each piece of steel siding is formed and cut to an exact length, eliminating seams and giving your home a freshly painted, clean, seamless look.

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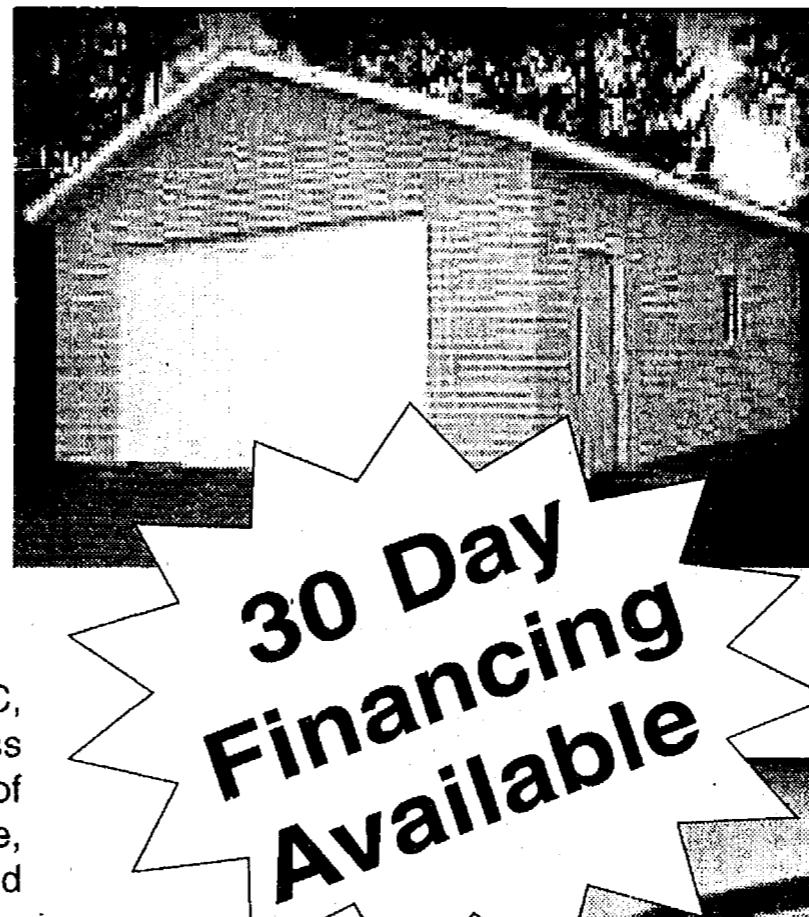
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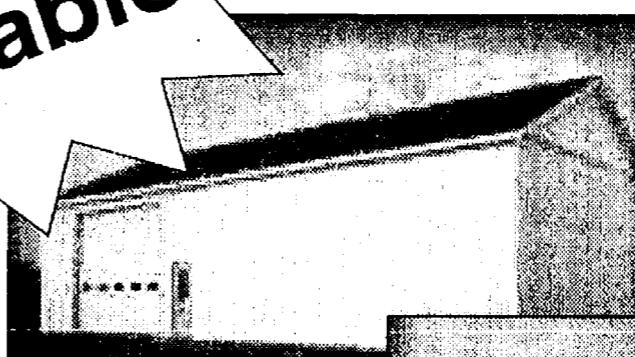


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#### Deck materials

There are more decking choices now than ever, including mahogany, composites and plastics. However, the overwhelmingly preferred choice, based on longevity, ease of installation, availability, natural appearance and economy, remains pressure-treated wood. Even here there are choices, including a new wood that is receiving excellent reviews from early users.

Traditional treated wood, such as Wolmanized wood and Outdoor wood, has been used extensively since the mid

1970s.

It resists damage from termites and decay, and many manufacturers offer a warranty that extends for the lifetime of the purchaser in residential and agricultural applications.

A new type of preserved wood, recently introduced in the United States, has similar longevity but uses a different preservative solution. Natural Select wood is protected by a copper-based preservative with an organic fungicide, and also carries a lifetime limited warranty. Though new to the United States, wood treated with this preservative has been used for nearly a decade in Europe. Natural Select wood is an ideal choice where regulations or environmental concerns create the desire for an alternative to traditional treated wood.

Regardless of the wood chosen, homeowners should be aware of differences in lumber grades. Preservatives make wood last longer, whether that wood is lower-grade material with knots and missing corners, or higher-grade material with few blemishes. Make sure you get the grade of lumber you want. The grade is marked on the wood, and usually noted on the store's price signs. Consider the more expensive, higher grades for visible parts of the deck, and use lower cost, lower grade lumber where beauty is not critical.

#### Workmanship shows

Preserved wood will last a long time. As a result, good workmanship — or poor workmanship — will also be evident for a long time. Although there is a natural desire to finish a deck quickly so it can be enjoyed as soon as possible, it is best to build carefully and deliberately. You'll be happier in the long run.

Various books on deck building contain useful tips. Here are a few:

Before you begin nailing, decide which pieces of wood

you want for visible areas and which for hidden understructure.

Separate deck boards to allow for expansion and contraction. If heavy and wet, separate boards no more than 1/16" since some shrinkage will occur. If light and dry, separate them no more than 1/8".

#### Avoid long spans

Use enough nails — three across a 2 x 6 board. Hardware should be hot-dipped galvanized or equally well-protected so weather does not cause rust streaks on the wood.

Screws take longer to drive than nails, but they hold boards securely, allow for easier removal and eliminate unsightly indentations from hammer blows.

#### Tender loving maintenance

Even a deck that is conscientiously built with excellent materials will require some maintenance. If a product says "maintenance-free," be skeptical. Dirt, discoloration, UV rays from sun exposure and moisture will take their toll on the hardest of building products.

However, maintenance need not be feared or time-consuming. Wood stains and surface water repellents will add significantly to the long-term beauty of a wood deck.

Different types of treated wood may require different types of maintenance. And the numerous choices in coatings may carry different recommendations from their manufacturers. [www.wolmanizedwood.com/appearance.html](http://www.wolmanizedwood.com/appearance.html) offers advice for a variety of treated wood products using a variety of coatings. More information on Natural Select wood can be found at:

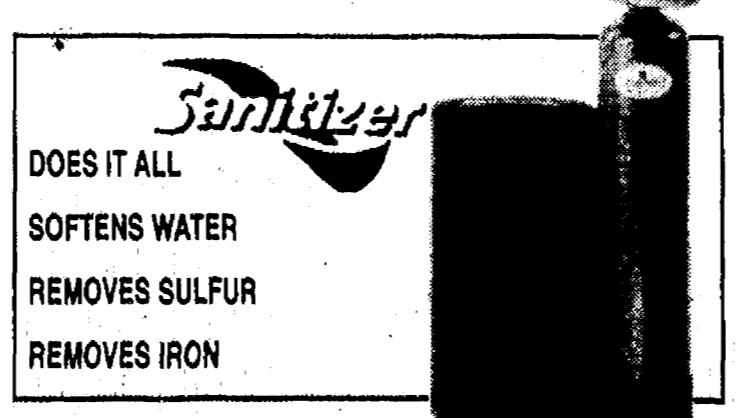
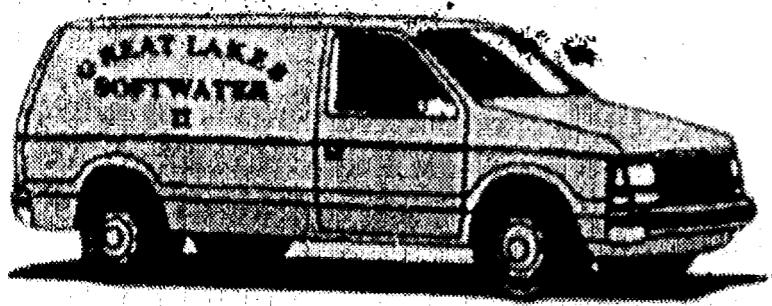
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**Knowing the Best Light Source and Fixture Style Can Make All the Difference**

(IHIT)-A well illuminated homesite, farmstead or other rural business adds value to your property in three ways:

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- Extends the productive work hours and outdoor recreation time beyond sundown.

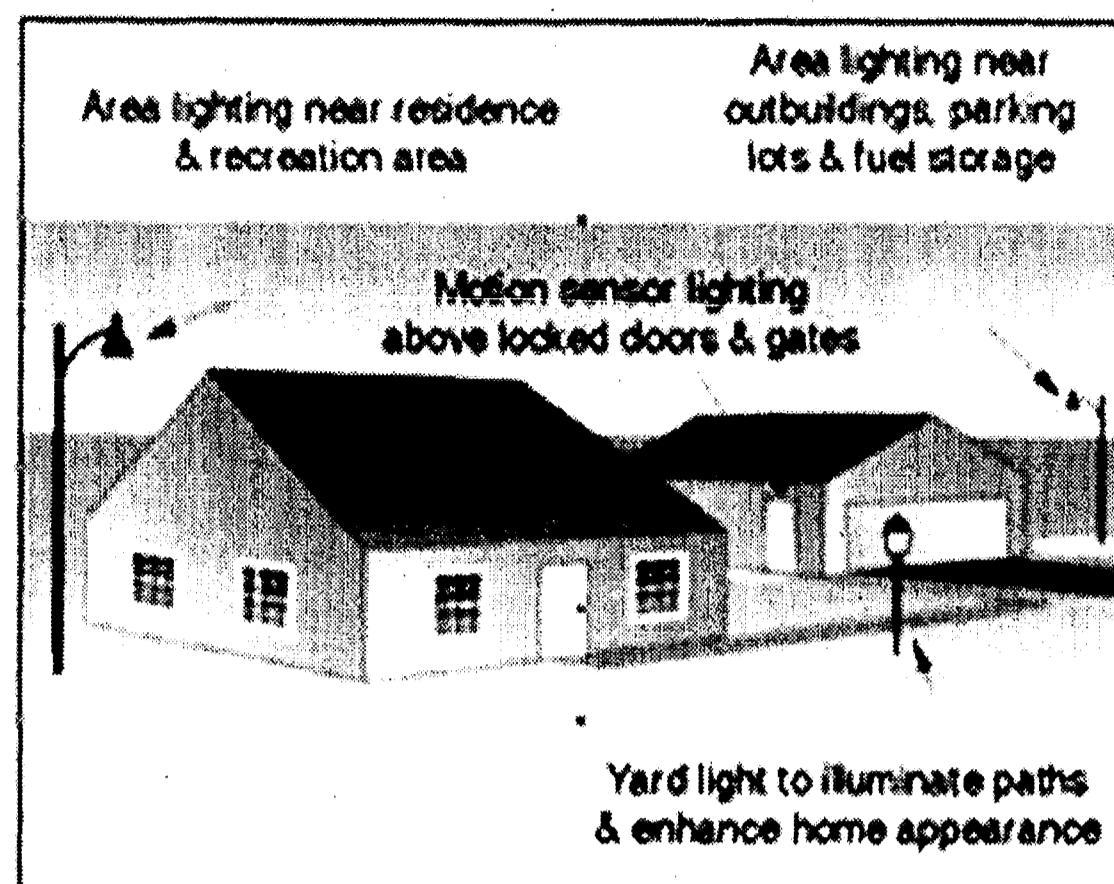
But do you know how to match the right type of light source to the need and location? If you want to illuminate the area in front of your garage, will a 40 watt low pressure sodium lamp provide enough light? How high should it be mounted?

Knowing the best light source and fixture style can make all the difference in how you spend your outdoor lighting dollars.

Too often, consumers purchase whatever light fixture happens to be on sale at their local home center, without a thought about wattage, mounting height, energy efficiency, or ease of maintenance. The following recommendations can help you make a better choice.

To illuminate large areas around buildings, fuel storage or parking lots, use high intensity discharge lights (HID). This family of light sources are characterized by their intense, bright light, and must be mounted high to spread the light and avoid glare. Low pressure sodium is a common HID light source.

In urban or suburban areas, be sure you're not sending light into your neighbor's window or other areas where it is not wanted. Look for fixtures with



a reflector or head assembly that directs light downward. A well designed fixture may cost a little more, but you are gaining in the long run because all the light you pay for is being directed where you can use it.

A typical 90 watt, high pressure sodium lamp (120 W with ballast), burning from dusk-to-dawn (about 4,100 hours/year) costs \$49.20 to operate annually, at 10¢ per kilowatt-hour.

Around entrance doors, gates or other locked areas, use motion-sensor lights. These infrared-activated spot lights have two advantages. They are only on when needed, and their focused beam helps get keys in locks, or maneuver oversized equipment through gates or doors. The automatic off feature also saves energy, since lights are only on a short time.

Near the front walkway of your home or business, use a decorative yard light on a six foot lamp post to illuminate pathways. In addition to enhancing your home's appearance, yard lights can lower your liability for personal injury, and help visitors find their way safely.

If the light will be on from dusk-to-dawn, use a compact fluorescent bulb (rather than a

standard incandescent) to save energy and reduce the number of bulb change outs. Make sure it is rated for outdoor use, or it won't come on during cold temperatures.

The best overall lighting scheme combines HID area lighting mounted high, with motion-sensor fixtures near doors, plus a decorative yard light to illuminate walkways.

Additional information can be found in the publication, "Outdoor Lighting for Safety and Productivity" available from the National Food and Energy Council. The fact-filled guide explains each type of light source, and provides recommendations on the right fixture style and placement. A list of average kilowatt-hour usage and annual operating costs for different types of lighting is provided.

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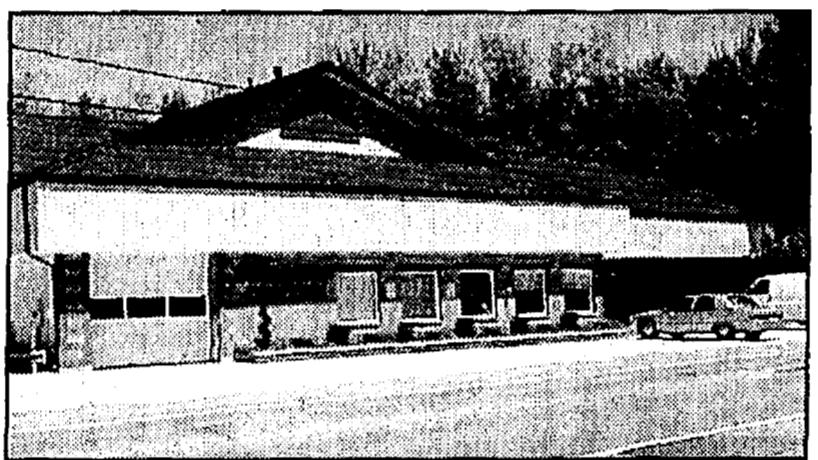
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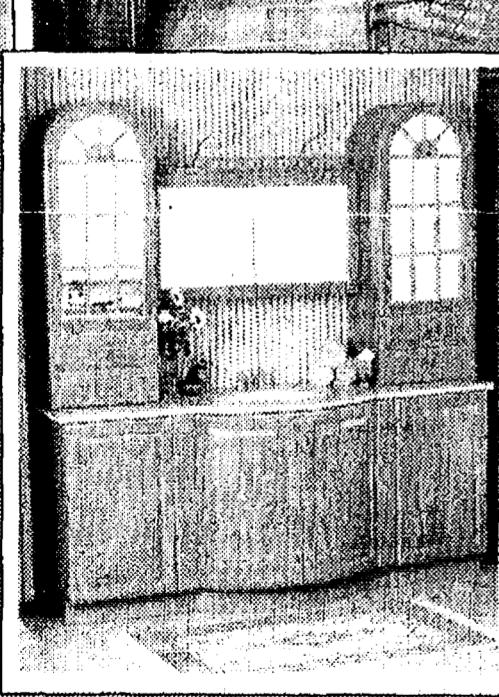
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# What Standards To Look For In A Home Inspection

Confused about  
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(IHIT)-As if considerations of location, price and the number of bedrooms were not enough of a challenge for homebuyers, consumers are increasingly demanding quality information when choosing the professionals who will inspect and represent the less obvious aspects of home buying.

Among a group of a dozen proactive states currently regulating home inspectors, all twelve have adopted formal guidelines

that reflect increasing levels of concern among regulators. It makes good sense for homeowners to access these guidelines and become a good deal more informed in the area of standards and regulations.

In Connecticut, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin, licensing officials have addressed such consumer confidence issues as: (1) written pre-inspection agreements between the inspector and consumer; (2) the number and kind of components to be inspected in an individual residence; (3) actual reporting requirements; and (4) the insurability of inspection process.

The result for many informed homeowners will be written agreements establishing in advance the inspector's scope, and a substantially more detailed inspection report which can contribute positively to the prospective home-owner's peace of mind.

### Standard Of Care For The Home Inspection Profession

One organization that routinely practices and teaches a code of strict standards is the Home Inspection Institute of America, Inc., headquartered in Wallingford, CT. The Institute's published "Standard Of Care For The Home Inspection Profession" requires, "where accessible, the inspector shall visually inspect and report on the" various components.

According to David Hetzel, founder and president of the 13 year old Institute, "It's not enough for the consumer to just

look at things. They need to know, in writing, about the conditions the inspector observed — whether they be good, bad, or whatever."

"Supporting this strict position, favorable professional liability insurance premiums have been available for home inspectors who adhere to the 'Standard Of Care For The Home Inspection Profession' because of the decreased number of claims," says Hetzel.

"The single most important aspect of the consumer-inspector relationship," Hetzel continues, "is the requirement that the inspector provide a pre-inspection agreement spelling out just what the consumer will and will not receive as a result of the inspection. This agreement needs to be executed by both parties before the inspection."

With Internet access you may visit the institute's handy website: [www.inspecthomes.org](http://www.inspecthomes.org) to view or print your own copy of the "Standard Of Care For The Home Inspection Profession." Links are available for quick access to individual states that offer online regulations for home inspectors.

"Homeowners don't often get a second chance when negotiating the tremendous investments required to purchase and sell today's homes. A little comparison can go a long way in protecting the parties from undisclosed problems resulting from minimal inspection requirements," Hetzel concludes.

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# Neglecting Carpet Care Creates Instant Problems

**Excess Moisture and Dirt Coupled With Poor Cleaning Lead to Mold and Mildew**

By Werner Braun  
For News USA

(NUI) - Over the last few years, there have been numerous misconceptions about mold, mildew and the role that carpet plays in it all.

The truth of the matter is that mold and mildew exist only where there is excess moisture and dirt coupled with poor cleaning and maintenance habits. Keeping carpet clean and dry is important in a healthy home.

Mold growth can occur on any surface — from windowpanes to carpet to hardwood floors — that is not properly maintained and where moisture is extreme. Eliminating sources of excessive moisture, such as water leaks, and controlling humidity greatly offset the potential for mold to grow.

To this end, a good way to start

your war on allergens is by vacuuming. Heavy traffic areas should be vacuumed on a daily basis, while light to medium traffic areas need only be vacuumed once or twice weekly. Doing so will extend the life span of the carpet and keep its appearance fresh while improving the quality of air in your home or office.

While regular vacuuming will go a long way to ensuring that you are living or working in a clean environment, it is only part of a good cleaning regimen. By following a few other tips, your home or office could be mold- and mildew-free. Here are some ideas:

- Pull on those rubber gloves and be prepared to get tough on mold. When cleaning mold on hard surfaces, use a solution of one part household bleach to four parts water. Open windows while you work and wear a mask or filtered respirator.
- Clean and disinfect wet, warm areas — such as kitchens and bathrooms — weekly to stop mold

growth.

- Smooth floors should be vacuumed, dusted and wet-mopped weekly. When sweeping, take care not to circulate dust from the floor into the air.

- Vacuum upholstered furniture regularly and clean hard furniture with a damp cloth. A damp cloth should be used on window treatments, windowsills and window frames, ceiling fans, light fixtures, and storage units as well.

- Check your vacuum. The Carpet and Rug Institute has initiated a voluntary testing program that identifies vacuum cleaners that have been evaluated by an independent testing lab and have met the carpet industry standard for soil removal, dust containment and carpet appearance.

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Werner Braun is president of the Georgia-based Carpet and Rug Institute. For more information on carpet care and cleaning, visit [www.carpet-rug.com](http://www.carpet-rug.com)

## Ten Energy Saving Ideas

(IHIT)-Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on utility bills, according to the American Gas Association. Here are some tips:

1. Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or ducts — with caulking or weather-stripping.

2. Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, at least 5 degrees lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. (Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly persons or infants.)

3. Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding), and install water-flow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.

4. Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them.

5. Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens to keep sunlight out in the summer and let it in during the winter.

6. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended level of insulation.

7. If you have a woodburning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.

8. Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double paned glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning.

9. Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded before running.

10. When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency

ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy savings and lower utility bills.

Many natural gas utilities offer assistance and special programs designed to help consumers reduce their energy bills. Contact your local gas utility for more information.

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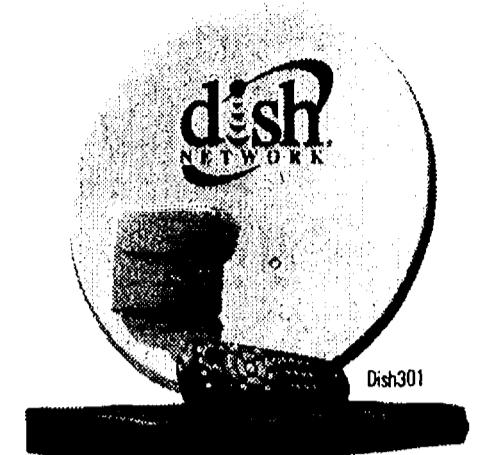
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# 'Help! My Neighbor's Lawn Is Better Than Mine'

## Experts Recommend Mowing Tall, Watering Deep and Following a Feeding Schedule

By Ashton Ritchie  
For News USA

(NUI) - What's the big secret? Why do some lawns always seem to look better than others? Chances are, if you stop to ask your neighborhood lawn guru, you will discover three keys to lawn success.

First, mow your grass taller. By adjusting your mower height to a higher setting, you will help your lawn grow deeper roots to match the increased leaf growth. With deeper roots, your lawn will be better able to withstand hot, dry weather. A taller lawn also will be a better competitor against new weeds.

Second, water only when your lawn really needs it and water long enough to get the moisture down deep. When you leave

footprints on your lawn, this means your lawn could use some water. A deep watering will encourage deep roots. Run your sprinklers long enough to put down one-half inch of water twice a week. Figure out how long to run your sprinklers by measuring the water that catches in an iced tea glass on your lawn.

Third, don't let your grass starve. Aside from the basics of mowing and watering, the single most important thing you can do for your lawn is to provide proper nutrition by fertilizing it.

One or two feedings a year make a marked improvement. However, you can see the difference between a so-so lawn and a truly beautiful lawn with four or five feedings a year.

There is a big difference in how different fertilizers work, even if they have the same nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium (N-P-K) numbers on the bag, so

get a brand you can trust. Then follow the schedule on the back of the package so that you are feeding with the right product at the right time of year to keep your lawn problem-free.

That's all there is to it. You too can become the neighborhood lawn expert if you mow tall, water deep and follow an annual feeding schedule of four or five feedings.

If you think you may forget the feeding schedule for your lawn, visit [www.scotts.com](http://www.scotts.com) and sign up for a free e-mail reminder service that customizes your feeding reminders and recommendations based on your zip code.

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## Let Your Plants Go to Pot

### Allow Your Container Garden to Flourish and Mature by Repotting

By Joe Sherinski  
For News USA

(NUI) - Just like a child's foot needs new shoes as it grows, so does your potted plant or flower. The good news is you still have a chance to allow your container garden to flourish and mature by repotting.

Most plant enthusiasts don't realize that over time, two things happen to your plants. One is that the soil, or potting medium, gets "tired" and becomes devoid of essential nutrients. The second is that a plant's roots will continue to grow, taking up more and more

space in the pot.

As this happens, the plant becomes "root-bound," which means the roots either begin to grow out of the drainage holes or become brown and unhealthy at the bottom.

The combination of decomposing potting medium and cramped quarters inevitably leads to an unhealthy environment for the plant. The cure is usually quite simple: Repot the plant.

Repotting should be done once a year, preferably in the late fall or early spring, and it's best to repot plants only when they are between flowering cycles.

To repot a plant:

1. Select a new container with drainage holes which is one or two sizes larger than the original one. A pot too large can lead to overwatering.

2. If the pot has been used previously, use an antibacterial soap to kill harmful organisms. Clay pots should be soaked overnight and then washed to remove the white fertilizer salts around the insides.

3. Fill one-third of the new pot with premium potting soil, such as Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Potting Mix or Miracle-Gro Premium Potting Mix. I like Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Potting Mix because it is formulated to absorb excess water and release it gradually into the roots as needed.

4. Remove the plant from the old pot. Next, gently shake off the old potting soil or mix from the root mass. If the roots are tightly wound, gently slice the sides of the root ball in two or three places.

5. Insert the plant into its new pot. Make sure the crown of the plant is about an inch below the top of the pot. This allows space for adding sufficient water, and it eliminates spills. To finish, fill in around the sides of the root ball with your potting medium and gently compress the mix as you fill in. Then, water the plant thoroughly to ensure that all areas in the root zone have been moistened and allow the plant to drain.

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# How to Purchase, Improve, and Protect Your Home

## Planning Ahead is the Best Strategy for Buying, Remodeling and Securing a Home

(NUI) - There are terrific reasons to live the American dream of owning a home, such as building equity and two major tax deductions on your annual tax return — mortgage interest and property taxes.

There also is a smart process to go about it. Planning ahead is the best strategy for purchasing, remodeling and protecting your home.

You can start by talking with a lender to get an idea of your net worth (things you own) minus your total liabilities (what you owe). Determine your current annual disposable income (total annual gross income) minus your total annual expenses.

Next, decide on a down payment, usually 5 percent to 20 percent of the purchase price. Calculate the monthly mort-

gage payment, including principal plus property taxes and home insurance premiums, usually no more than 28 percent of your gross income. Ask someone at a bank or a mortgage company to show you a chart of current interest rates.

Before you close on a house, have it inspected. The inspection may reveal structural defects or other problems you may want to fix to improve on your home. If you need to update the out of date, replace appliances or make energy improvements, carefully seek out professionals to do the job right.

There are many benefits to hiring home improvement specialists. They can provide a custom look using stock products, building licenses and expertise.

Before you sign a contract, specify that the final payment will be made when all work is successfully completed. This way you can protect yourself

and your home.

Another way you can protect your home is by homeowners insurance. Homeowners insurance is designed to pay for damages to your home and its contents and to protect you from financial liability if someone is injured on your property.

A basic policy covers perils, which are risks such as lightning, theft, fire and smoke. You can add to your package by purchasing insurance covering jewelry loss or earthquake and flood damage. Keep an inventory of personal belongings so that if the need arises, you have documented your valuables.

These steps can get you closer to owning, remodeling and insuring your dream home. To learn more, order the free Life Advice brochure entitled "Buying a Home," "Home Improvement" and "Homeowners Insurance" by calling 1-800-638-5433.

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## Tips to Increase Fire Safety in Your Home

### The Best Way to Fight a Fire is to Prevent it

(NUI) - Each year, fire kills more people in America than all natural disasters combined.

The best way to fight a fire is to prevent it. Education in fire prevention can safeguard you and your family from fires that can occur inside or outside the home.

Smoking, cooking and heating are common causes of residential fires.

- Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths. Never smoke in bed and remember that a smoldering cigarette butt or ash can ignite easily.

- For kitchen safety, have a fire extinguisher 10 feet away from the stove and learn how to properly use it.

- When using a fireplace, make sure the flue is open before lighting a fire and never leave a fire burning unattended.

- Your home should be equipped with smoke alarms — the first line of defense in fire

prevention. Fire extinguishers should be mounted close to the kitchen, garage and workshop, preferably near an exit.

- Plan a drill for evacuation and involve the entire family. Have two different escape routes from each room in your home. If the alarm sounds, roll out of bed and stay low to the ground. One breath of smoke or gas may be enough to kill you.

- Memorize the emergency number of the local fire department. Select a location in front of your home where everyone agrees to meet. Make sure your address is clearly labeled outside your home.

- Outdoors — whether you are in the front yard or at a campsite — stay alert and use safety measures for outdoor fire prevention. Around the house, clean gutters and remove leaves, branches and other debris. Keep a shovel, rake and water bucket handy. Install a water hose long enough to reach the roof. Maintain an adequate outside water source

such as a small pond, swimming pool or hot tub.

- While barbecuing, watch the grill and make sure children and pets are kept far away. Fireworks can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness. Leave any area where amateurs are using fireworks.

- It is important to understand your homeowners insurance policy before a fire occurs. Keep a complete inventory of your property, including serial numbers, photographs or videotapes.

- Home is the place you should feel the safest, so make sure you have created a fire-safe environment. For more tips, call for the free Life Advice brochure "Fire Safety" at 1-800-638-5433.

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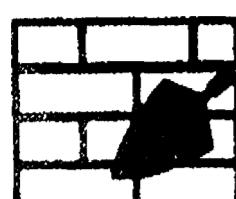
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# How to Beautify Your Home With Flooring

Laminate Flooring  
is One Way to Liven  
Up Your Decor

(NUI) - As every designer knows, the most important part of a successful remodel is to reflect the style of the homeowner. Custom looks can personalize and define a space with subtle messages that speak volumes about a home's overall design and function.

One of the largest surfaces in any home is the floor. Yet custom flooring options are often overlooked in remodeling projects because of budget constraints. But, with the wide variety of patterns and styles now available, custom-designed laminate floors can create the look of expensive flooring without straining the decorating budget.

"Laminate floors are designed to mix easily," said Michael Lyons, product manager for Bruce Laminate Floors. "Custom designs are relatively easy to install but can add a designer's touch that's durable and inexpensive."

Popular patterns often include designs as simple as alternating colors of wood laminate flooring for a bold striped effect, or creating a wood-toned border around areas with marble or stone patterns.



Custom-designed laminate floors can create the look of expensive flooring without straining the decorating budget.

"With the variety of realistic patterns and colors on the market today, consumers can readily find a pattern and style that will work in their overall design scheme," said Lyons. "Because flooring makes up such a large percentage of decorated space in a home, it is important for homeowners to consider special flooring treatments when remodeling a space."

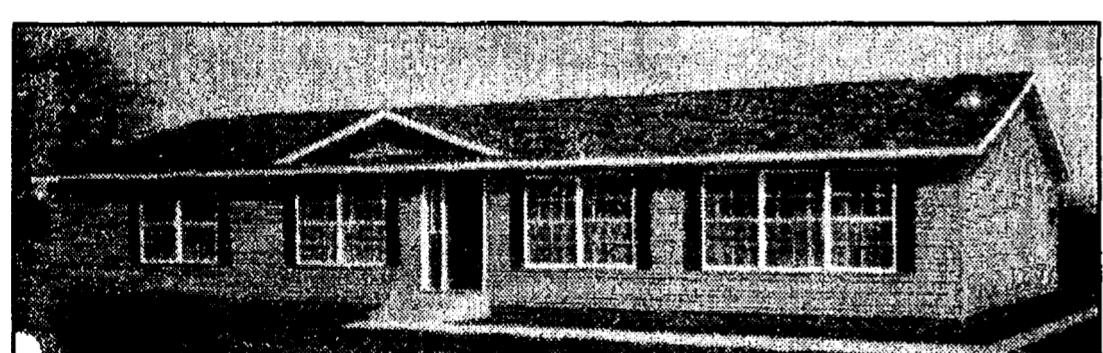
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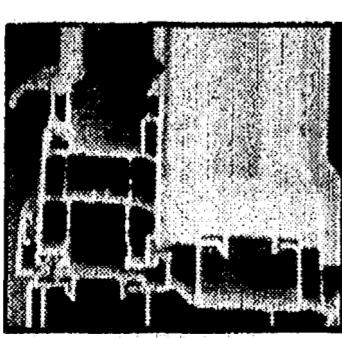
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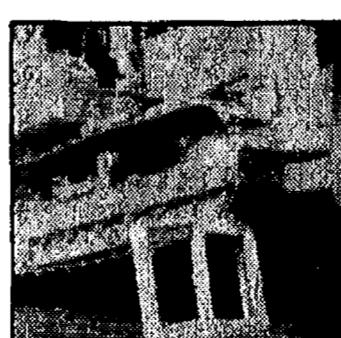
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# EPA Urges Americans to Test for Radon

## Radon Gas is the Second Leading Cause of Lung Cancer in the Country

(NUI) - About one home in 15 across the nation has unacceptably high radon levels, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. In some areas, as many as one out of two homes has high levels.

Indoor radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the country.

Radon, a radioactive product of the element radium, is invisible and odorless. It occurs naturally in soil, rock and water. Although relatively harmless when diluted in the open air, radon can pose a serious health threat when concentrated indoors.

When inhaled, radon releases small bursts of energy that can damage the DNA in lung tissue over time and lead to lung cancer.

Radon levels can soar during the colder months when residents keep windows and doors closed and spend more time indoors. Radon also can be a danger in the summer when homes are closed for air conditioning purposes.

That's why EPA Administrator Christie

Whitman is urging Americans to test their homes for radon.

"As many as 22,000 people die from lung cancer each year in the United States from exposure to indoor radon," Whitman said. "Yet Americans could help prevent these deaths and protect their families by testing their homes for radon as soon as possible."

"Not only is radon testing a sound investment in the long-term health of your family, but it could also be a good investment in terms of the resale value of your home. In many areas, radon testing is a required part of real estate transactions."

Radon test kits, sold at home improvement and hardware stores, are easy to use and provide accurate readings of home radon levels.

EPA and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warn that homes with radon levels of four pCi/L or higher pose a danger to inhabitants and should be fixed by an experienced contractor.

Although some areas of the country have naturally higher radon levels than others, EPA recommends that everyone test for radon because isolated "hot

spots" can occur anywhere. EPA also recommends testing in schools, workplaces, community centers and other buildings where people spend long periods of time.

For more information about radon testing and a coupon for a discounted radon test kit, call 1-800-SOS-RADON or visit [www.epa.gov/iaq/radon](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/radon)

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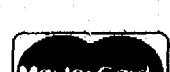
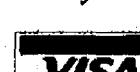
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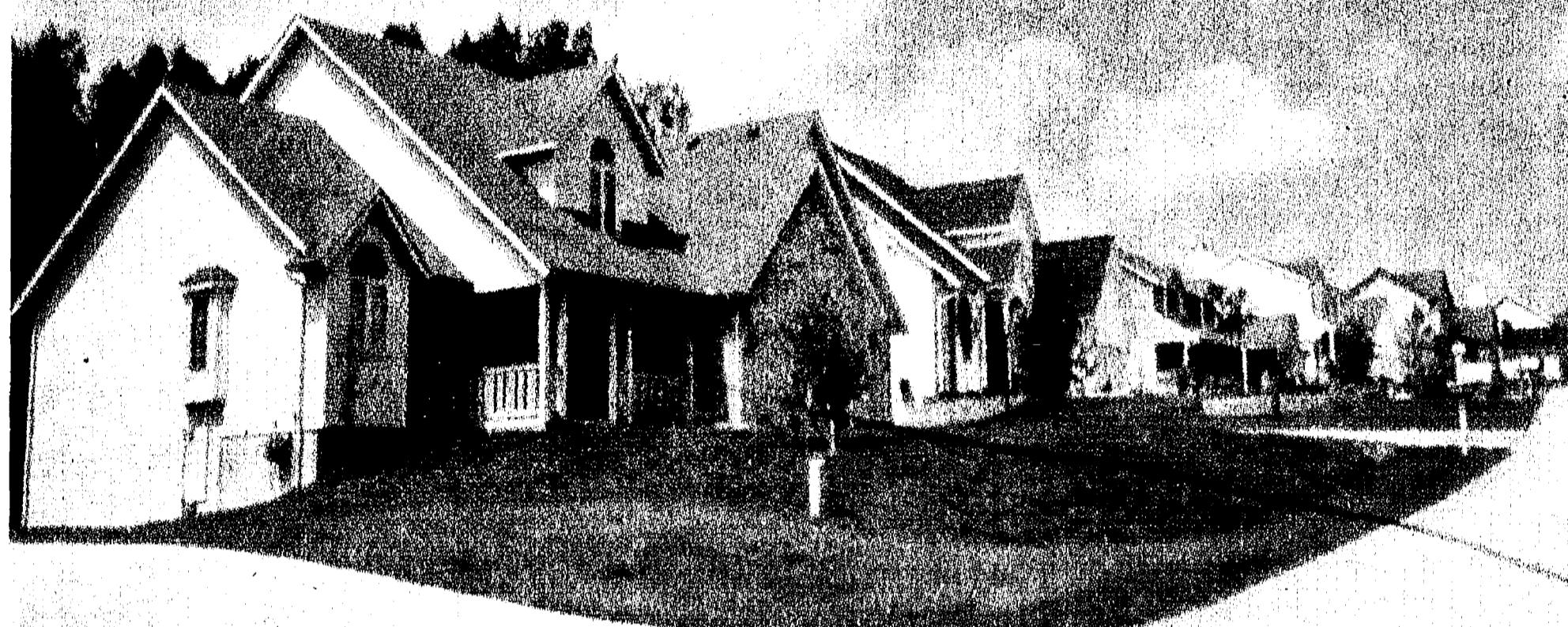
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